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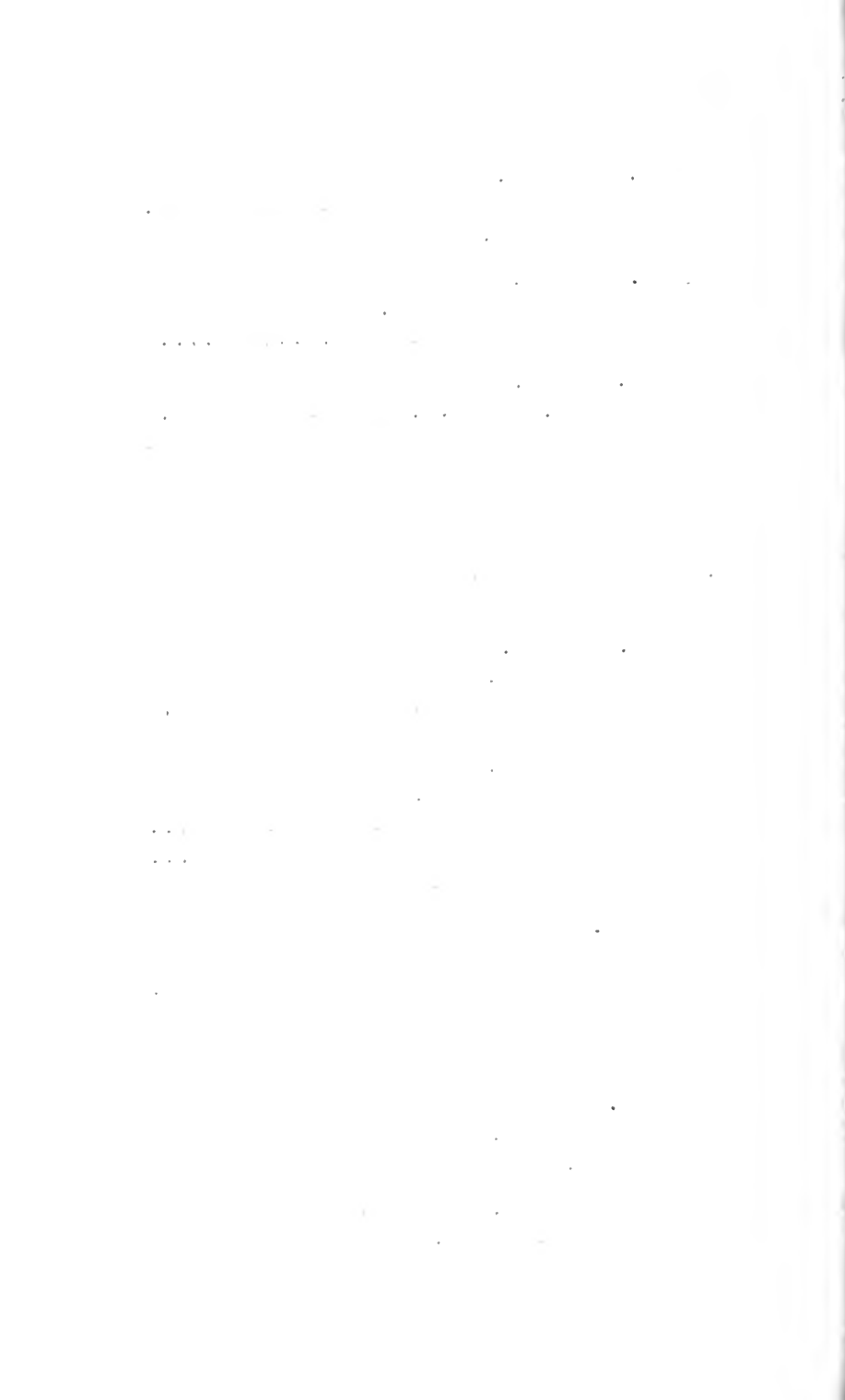
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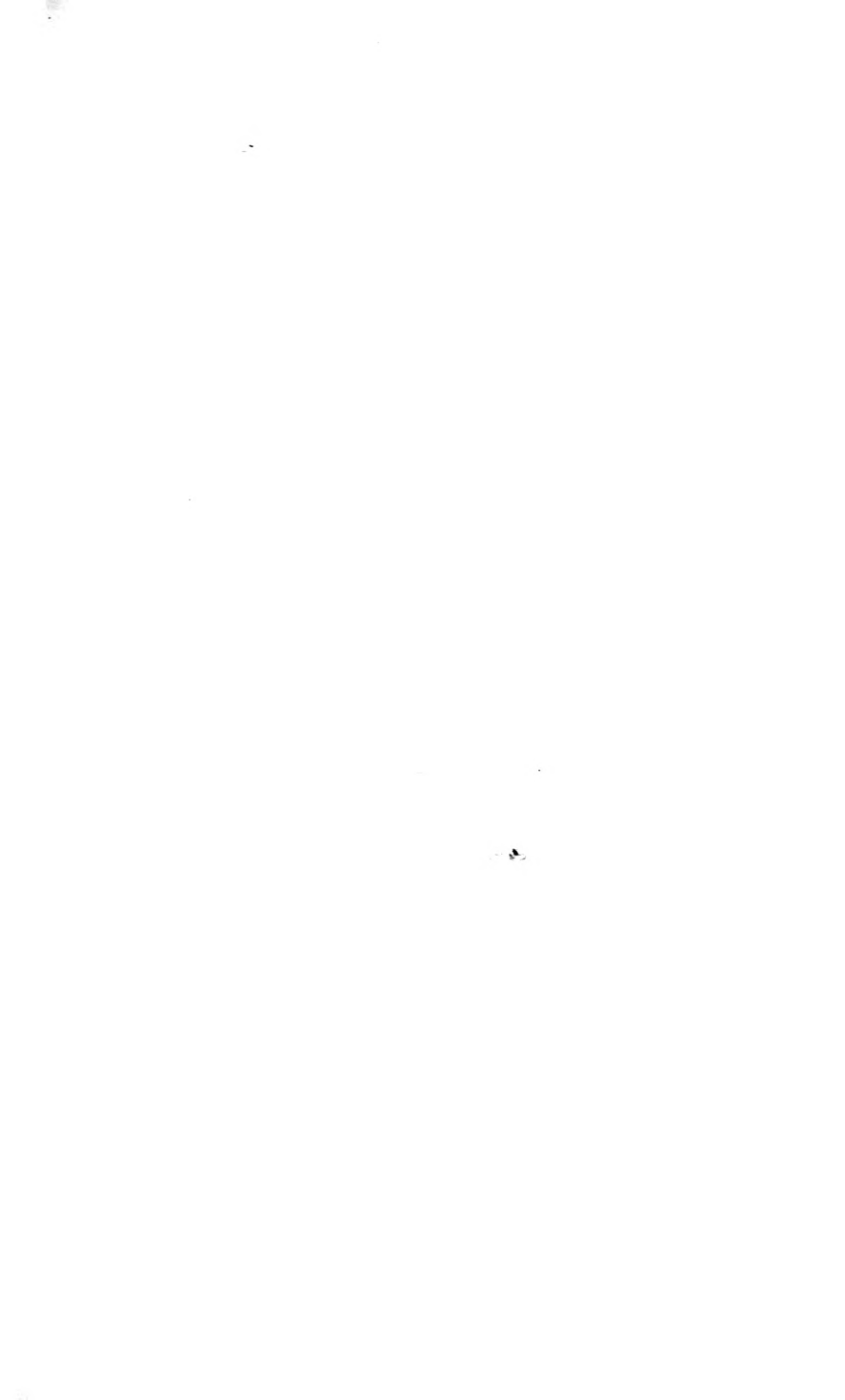
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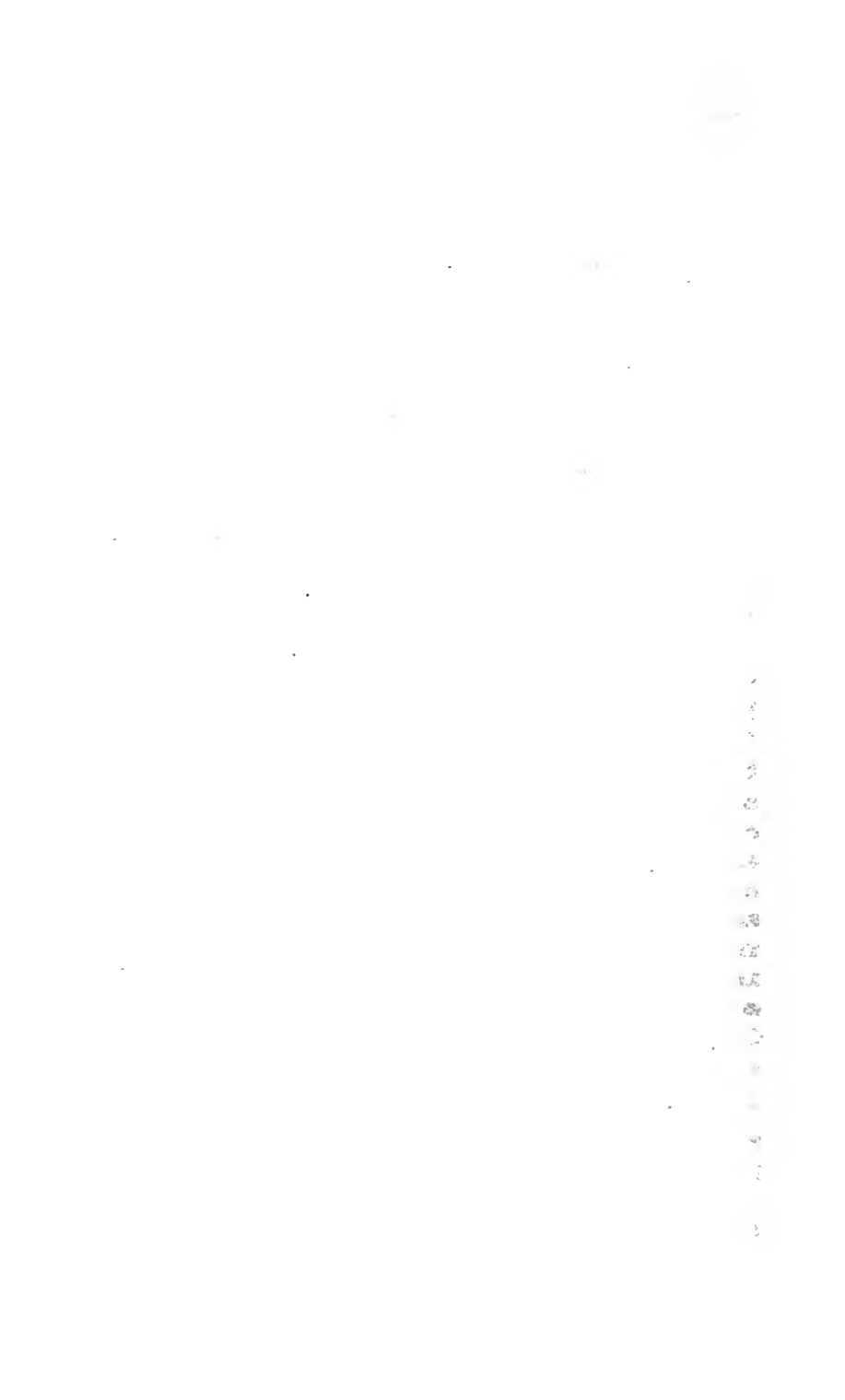
Archdiocese of Winnipeg
50 Stafford Street
Winnipeg 9, Manitoba.
Office of the Archbishop
February 13, 1968.

Dear Bob,

Every time that a notice, newsletter, report or other document arrives, and especially when it contains, as almost always, a letter from yourself with additional news and comments, I swear that I will write to thank you. Alas, the practical results are precisely what you have seen,- or rather not seen. Please believe that I am deeply grateful, all evidence to the contrary notwithstanding. I have told you so before and I am most sincere, even though it is a long time between expressions of thanks.

I tried to reach you by telephone a couple of weeks ago to ask about Gerry McGinn's status, since an American bishop, who is a close friend of mine, had been asked for a letter of recommendation for Gerry to the USAF. I also wanted to thank you on that occasion for the many letters and let you know that up until then, I had not received a copy of the Chapter Reports. When you were not in, I had recourse to Father Wey. He must have spoken to you, for the Report came only a few days later. Again, many thanks.

The new material in connection with applications is very interesting. It arrived yesterday, along with the lengthy TELEGRAM clipping on John McDonough and, of course, your own letter.



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Poor John. Maybe it is uncharitable but, for years, I have never been able to take John quite seriously. In a way, his present action is quite in keeping and his remarks even more so. He had, and doubtless still has, many likable qualities, but something in the realm of prudence, common sense, etc., was less noticeable. The last time I saw him was in Rome when I was invited to Santa Sabina for the "baptism" of the recent volume of the Leone that his fund-raising efforts had helped to make possible. That was before he set up a "Bay Street" office and the like. The place he assigns himself is a paradoxical one, to say the least, but there is a welcome lack of bitterness in what he says. His reasons sound like pages from other people's books. Most of what he says has been said before, much of it by healthy persons who are staying. Please, God, John will find his way allright. Is his brother Gerry still with the Jesuits? He had something of a breakdown while still a scholastic and I have lost track of him altogether, although it seems to me that I recall word of his having been ordained. Has Terry McLaughlin any observations to make? I knew Howcraft somewhat and was aware of his efforts to be secularized. Marriage in the Dominican Church must mean that he got the necessary dispensation. Certainly this part of the procedure could be speeded up.

Your projected Dictionary of Basilian Biography should serve a useful purpose. Maybe the French part could come as Volume II or Section II, without hurting anyone's feelings. By the way, I had a letter earlier this year from Wally

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Platt in which he referred to some of the decisions to be made over there. Bill Young should be a help. Changes are certainly going to come, but they must be looked at carefully and made with wisdom. I have not met the new bishop of Viviers, but people spoke highly of him; I hope they can get together on a solution.

One of these times, on my way through, I must get up to "200" again, preferably when the heat is on (literally speaking, that is). In the meantime, give my best to Joe, to Johnnie, Freddie and all. To yourself, my heartfelt thanks for all your kindness. God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

P.S. I don't want to sound unduly curious, where it is none of my business, but questions arise sometimes where I might be able to witness to the truth. Has Stan Kutz's status changed or is it to change? Also, I was asked about Jim Jordan, as to whether his change in the middle of the year and a further change in next year's appointments indicates more than appears on the surface. I ask in good faith and will understand if the answer has to be: NO COMMENT.

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George B. Flahiff
February 18, 1968

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Dear Bob,

I am grateful for your prompt and highly informative answer to my letter. Be assured that I regard what you have to say as confidential. Curiously enough, within a day of my letter to you I had a brief note from Stan Kutz; along with a copy of the letter he had addressed to the S.C. for Doctrine of Faith. He must be psychic; I had not seen him in months or heard from him in years! - I was sorry to hear about Brian Quealey; I remember asking someone if Mike's departure had any effect on Brian and the answer was not at all: just surprise when Mike took the final step.

I left Calgary the very day of the consecration, hence I was unaware of Bob Whyte's attack. If it's not one thing, it's another.

Again, many thanks. God bless you!

+G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

* Some 8 or 10 people received copies, I gather.

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George B. Flahiff
December 28, 1968

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Dear Bob,

Your letter of the 26th was much appreciated. It was like old times, even if it did not come with a C.S.B. Newsletter or official publication. It was good of you to take the time and to give me a bit of news that I would never get from other sources; they don't seem to think of the things that would interest me.

I hope your Christmas was a happy one and I wish you every joy and blessing for this glorious season; it is always so beautiful. I ran into a number of things just prior to the 25th that kept me busy and interfered with Christmas mail, but the day itself was not bad at all. I had the Midnight Mass (with homily) at the Cathedral where some eight priests concelebrated with me. The crowd of people was larger this year than for some years past; I don't know what that means. Our réveillon went on till 3:00 a.m. and I still had to go to Charleswood. In the morning at 11:00, I celebrated Mass at the Monastery of the Precious Blood (also in Charleswood) and visited at length with the Sisters afterwards. In the evening, we traditionally have Christmas dinner at the house for a few priests who have no close family here or who, for one reason or another, would have no place in particular to go. It was good. Every night in the octave is taken up with a dinner at some religious house (2 S.J. dinners!) or with some priests. I'll gain ten pounds, I fear.

Early in the New Year I am off to Washington for the Liturgical Conference Board of Directors meeting. I am not sure whether we are in good

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repute or bad repute. Probably the latter. I thought I should stay on the Board in case I can serve as liaison to create better relations. Later in the month, I go to Detroit for a Sisters' meeting at the place on Giddings Road, - and there are other engagements to follow later. So far, no word from Rome as to the next plenary meeting of the S.C. of Religious; probably in the Spring!

Thanks for the clipping about Fred McDermott. Yes, I knew him well, having first met him at Newman Club when I was an undergraduate and he was already at Osgoode Hall. He always remained a good friend.

News of Bernie McCarron was disturbing. He is about the last one I would have thought of as being a candidate for departure. I am sure it will be a blow in Calgary - for more than Basilians, as you say.

What did you think of the new Ordination Rite? Sorry I hadn't a chance to talk to you about it. God bless you. Please pray for me.

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George B. Flahiff
April 23, 1969

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Dear Bob,

I am grateful for your first expression of good wishes when the new appointment came. And I am grateful, too, for the two letters I have received since: April 10 and April 17. The newsy items you gather are always of great interest; moreover, you mention things that nobody else seems to think of. I am always grateful, whether I manage to say so or not.

Please tell Leonard Boyle I appreciate his observations on the "site" of the word Cardinal. I would much prefer his suggestion and can not understand how the other usage arose, - in English-speaking countries at least. Tell him, too, I am disappointed to know that he won't be in Rome; I had looked forward to saying hello to him.

We leave to-morrow. About 60 Winnipegers are coming along, including some 15 priests. Msgrs. Chartrand & McInerney & Fr. Halpin (secretary) are among them. All my own family, but one, will be there; it should be quite a reunion. People have been generous with their congratulations and their kind remarks: I'll never manage to thank them all.

I expect to stay at the Canadian College, chiefly because of the name. Three different religious orders (S.J., C.S.C., and Marianist Brothers) offered me the use of their houses, with cars, trilingual secretaries, etc., thrown in. But I think our own College is the right choice.

I learned this morning that Fr. Wey is going. When we spoke last, he doubted if he would be

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there and was counting on Fr. Shook to represent the Community. I don't know where they will be staying, but they will probably contact the Canadian College.

Remember me to all at the Seminary; their message was much appreciated. God bless you, Bob! Please pray for

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

P.S.: I have been asked to ordain three deacons in Annonay, but the suggested dates are too late; a reception is planned for Winnipeg on May 15th.

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October 30, 1969

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Dear Bob,

Many thanks for your letter of the 21st and for the enclosures: Bernie Black's brochure on the Library and Gordon Watson's obituary notice. The latter came as a great shock. Gordon and I were very close as undergraduates and, over the years, we have always kept in touch. The circumstances of his death could easily have resulted in a double tragedy! Would you be able to send me the home address? It was not given in the newspaper clipping and I feel that I should send a word of sympathy to Mrs. Watson. I am sorry to put you to this added trouble.

The brochure on the library is interesting. As you surmised, the statistics on the last page captured my attention in a special way. I must get through the building the next time I am down.

Somebody else mentioned your Dictionary of Basilian Biography. It may have been Wally Platt. Whoever it was, he was in admiration of your work. There is, of course, no hurry, but I would indeed be glad to receive the copy you promised, when the shipment arrives from Belgium. The price, by the way, sounds extremely reasonable.

I was hardly back from Rome when your letter arrived. I had been attending plenary sessions of the two Congregations to which I had been assigned as Cardinal: Religious and Catholic Education. Cardinal Garrone is doing a splendid job with much communication and dialogue. Priestly formation and "Catholic Universities"

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October 30, 1969

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preoccupy the Congregation for the moment; much progress is being made in regard to both. The S.C. for Religious is still rather closed in its methods. We had a couple of sessions on precisely this rather than on substantial questions. I had been urging Ep. Carter and some others in the Synod to get in a few licks regarding this Congregation when speaking of relations with the Curia. Whether anyone spoke on it or not, I do not know, but the overall results of the Synod should help. Fr. Heston may produce some improvements as he gets the feel of his job. We shall have to wait and see.

It looks as though the Synod has produced definite and positive results, even though it may not have gone far enough for some radical elements. The spirit seems to have been excellent. Alex Carter sounded pleased in the reports he sent to us.

Archbishop O'Neill invited me to be "received" in Regina. It turned out to be quite a day: talks to clergy and religious, homily at Mass for the laity, along with luncheon with clergy, dinner with the Archbishop and a reception for the laity after the evening Mass! Add one press conference and a 1/2 hour TV appearance and you will see why I wonder if Abp. O'Neill is really the good friend I thought he was. I was glad when it was all over.

Regards to all at the Seminary. God bless!

+ G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

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George B. Flahiff
December 10, 1969

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Dear Bob,

This is a poor return for your letter of the 14th which was deeply appreciated. At least, I can wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

Thank you for news of the confreres, with the up's and down's of those in uncertain health. The only word I can contribute is re Edmonton where I found all well in mid-November. Fr. Dore has put on no weight but I really thought he looked better than the last time I saw him. Joe Courtney is doing wonders. Abp. Jordan is enthusiastic about him.

I had a couple of days with Abp. O'Neill in Regina on a sort of "official" visit late in October. What with Rome in October, a C.C.C. meeting at the end of November, etc., I am still much on the move. - Too much, but there is little I can do.

Roland Janisse was here earlier in the week for a conference on Supervised Pastoral Education. Frs. Pius Riffel (S.J.) and Elliott MacGuigan (S.J.) were also here, with many non-Catholics.

Did I ever thank you for my copy of the D. of Basilian B? It is superb, Bob. Congratulations. I value it highly. God bless you!

G.B.F.

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George B. Flahiff
November 13, 1970

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50 Stafford Street
Winnipeg 9, Canada
November 13, 1970

Dear Bob,

Many thanks for your letter of October 18th. In case you were wondering, I had just left for Rome at that moment and I did not return until this week.

The new Basilian Historical Bulletin is very interesting. I had all but forgotten that Bishop De Charbonnel would have left things of interest to our archives. Congratulations on this latest volume and many thanks for your perseverance in so valuable a work!

As always, your news items added much to my knowledge of the confreres - the things that no one else things to mention. God bless you! Hugh Haffey was always a bit of a hippy in his own way; I am not surprised at his attitude.

The meetings of our two Congregations in Rome were less than sensational but I trust that some things were accomplished. The S.C. for Religious is extremely cautious about many things, but there are a few openings just the same.

The Holy Father was in excellent health and full of vigour. He will need both for his forthcoming trip. - I was able to present Arthur Gibson who was attending a meeting of consultors for the Non-Believers' Secretariat.

Bill Irwin and Murray B. are both well and happy. I assume they are working hard. They are appreciated at the Canadian College.

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November 13, 1970

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Weather in Rome was beautiful, - hard to leave.
I hope to see you on December 12, if not before.
Best wishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+George B. Card. Flahiff, CSB.

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John R. Whitley
November 5, 1968

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The Aquinas Institute of Rochester
1127 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, N.Y. 14613
Basilian Fathers
November 5, 1968

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.
St. Basil's Seminary Library
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto 5, Canada

Dear Father Scollard:

Congratulations on the fine piece of work you and George Hosko did in inventorying the Seminary Library. I was surprised at some of the figures, as you probably were.

I am not familiar with the Plasti-Kleer label system. The Se-Lin system is used widely in the Rochester area and apparently is successful. As you know, it was developed by the Library Technology Project.

We cover our new books with Plasti-Kleer covers, which are not satisfactory. On books without dust jackets, we place the pressure sensitive label directly on the spine of the book and cover the label with C-Vue Call Label Protectors purchased in Marcellus, N.Y. They are quite inexpensive and seem to stand up under rather rough use by boys.

We are struggling to maintain quality library service on a very limited budget. At times the future appears rather bleak.

Father Carter is in the hospital. At first they thought it was osteomyelitis but, thank

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God, the tests proved negative. He will require surgery on his foot but hopes to be up and around in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

Jack Whitley

JW/de



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The Aquinas Institute of Rochester
1127 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, N.Y. 14613
Basilian Fathers
January 10, 1969

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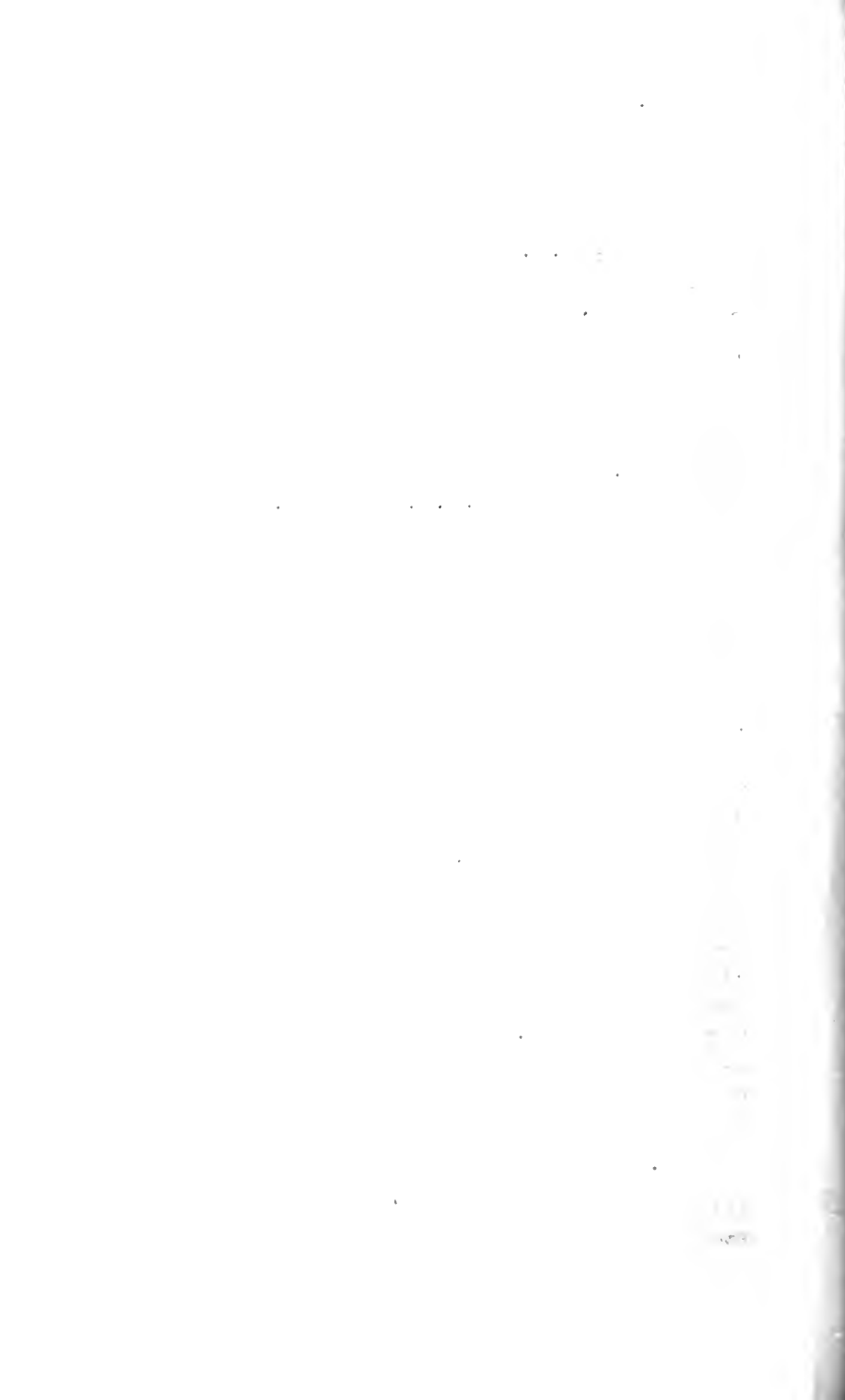
Sorry I didn't have an opportunity to visit with you when I was in Toronto briefly in November. I brought the band up to play for the Argos at the C.N.E. Stadium.

Thank you for your letter received prior to the holidays and for your good wishes.

The ordinations at Sacred Heart Cathedral were memorable in many respects. Bishop Hickey, a very good friend of the Basilians, was ordaining for the first time. He was most gracious and considerate. John Murray and I assisted the Bishop while Jim Moynihan, the chancellor of the diocese, hovered nearby. Father Hayes, the rector of the Cathedral, could not do enough for everyone. He met each person individually at the practice the night before the Ordinations and then invited all the Basilians into the rectory after the ceremony for coffee and rolls. Practically every Basilian in Rochester was present and many of the secular priests. It was most impressive.

The following day I concelebrated with Mike Wesley and Father Young. It brought back many fond memories of my own First Mass in the same church.

Later in the week the house hosted the newly ordained and their families at a concelebrated



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January 10, 1969

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Mass and dinner. Afterwards the families toured the house and then spent the remainder of the evening in the community room. We all appreciated this opportunity to be together. Don Kuder does so many considerate things.

You would have been most impressed by the Christmas decorations at 402, both inside and out. We had five trees completely trimmed in different parts of the house. The entire railing from first to second floor was festooned with greens and ribbon. Wreaths were everywhere. A creche was set among the pines outside the house. The scholastics could take most of the credit for the work and for supplying the imagination.

I spent some time painting in the school during the holidays. Sometimes it is good to get out of the library and have a change of pace. It also makes me appreciate going back to library work again.

The Aquinas Band came very close to being chosen as the New York State Band representative at Mr. Nixon's forthcoming inaugural in Washington. We started well before the elections and didn't leave a stone unturned in trying to secure a place in the parade. I wrote to everyone concerned, from the Governor, to the Lieutenant, the Secretary of State, the Senators, representatives, national chairman, local politicians, etc. Currently I have 56 pieces of correspondence in my inaugural file. The University of the State of New York at Buffalo was finally chosen on the basis of their 200 members and the fact that their membership represents 56 of the 62 counties in the State. We are the alternate band but a miss is as good as a mile.



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Father John Spratt is more active than ever, coaching the Aquinas hockey team as well as St. John Fisher's. Father Cyril Carter is president of a newly formed hockey league in the area made up of public and private schools. It is extremely successful. Incidentally, Cy Carter is finally up and around after several set backs with his leg.

At least half of the house came down with the flu early in December so that most were recovered by Christmas. John Tallon was an exception. He went home for a vacation and spent six days in bed.

Don Kuder, Frank Boehm, Father Reuss, Roy Oggero and Carl Belisch were in Houston during the holidays, either on vacation or visiting. They enjoyed it until a cold wave hit.

You probably heard all the commotion that resulted when Father William Gibbons informed Father Leon Hart that no one coming up wanted to go to Aquinas except one person. At a house meeting we were told that since no one was interested in teaching at Aquinas the school's future was very much in jeopardy. However, after further investigation I found that the picture was not as dismal as it at first seemed. People are interested in Aquinas. And many of those who have asked to leave have very valid reasons for doing so - not necessarily motivated by conditions in the house. I personally think the spirit of the community here has never been better in recent years. Scholastics and priests have a wide scope to take part in different apostolates within the framework of their teaching. One of our priests is really an apostle to

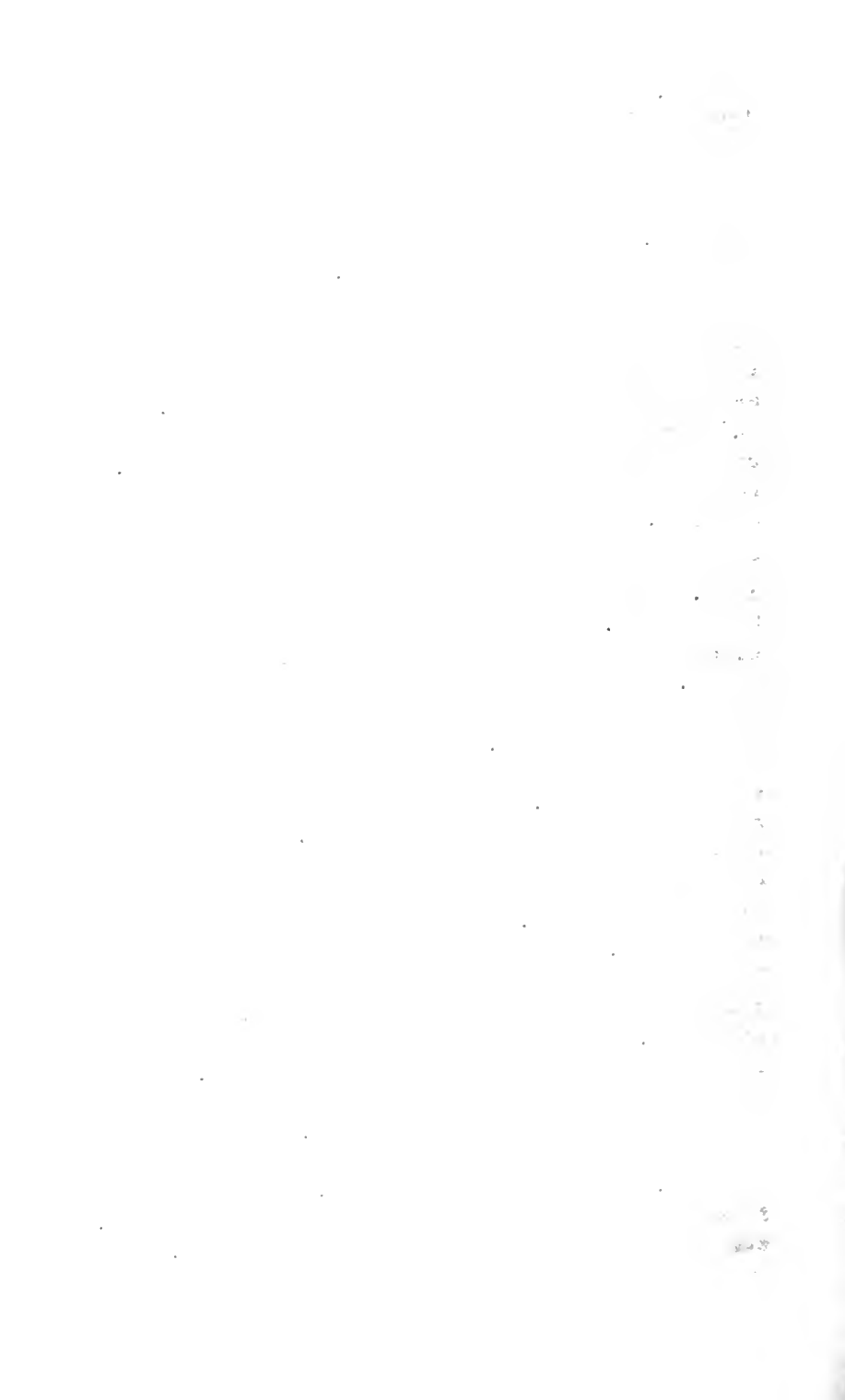
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the Spanish speaking migrant workers. One of the scholastics is deeply involved in urban affairs. These are just two examples but there are many others I could cite.

At Christmas Bishop Sheen paid a beautiful tribute to the Basilian Fathers at Aquinas for their continued support and for their assistance in the diocese over the years. His point of view towards Catholic schools has changed substantially since he arrived here. He is interested in Aquinas and wants us to survive.

You probably heard of the tragedy that occurred here. One of our sophomores took his own life by hanging. He was a disturbed boy who found it difficult to relate to anyone, even his own peers. I think his association with the scholastics and priests probably did more for him than anything else. During the holidays he went through a crisis and last Sunday evening he hung himself. He attended services at three different churches that morning. Mass at Sacred Heart and Holy Rosary and a service at the Episocpal church (the minister lived across the street from him). The boy had withdrawn from his family, would not eat with them, prepared his own meals and lived in the basement of his house in kind of a den he fashioned. Family problems, financial problems and other difficulties were all a part of the picture. Yesterday we had a Mass in the school auditorium for the boy and his family attended. Today nearly half of the school population attended the funeral, filling the Cathedral. After the Absolution the boys sang the Aquinas Alma Mater. Some had to fight back the tears to sing.



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We are presently spending \$7,500 to have a firm from New Jersey evaluate the Aquinas school building with a view to renovation and expansion. During the year the final indebtedness of the school will be paid off. Although our operating deficit for the year is in the neighborhood of \$80,000 it is hoped that various fund raising campaigns will keep us from going into the red. We still have a million dollar stadium which we will sell at the right time and over \$200,000 in savings for a residence.

I am enclosing an article from the Courier Journal which you may have seen. Occasionally I write under my own name. Also enclosed is a recent copy of the CLA High School NEWSLETTER. You might be interested in the article I did on the forthcoming standards.

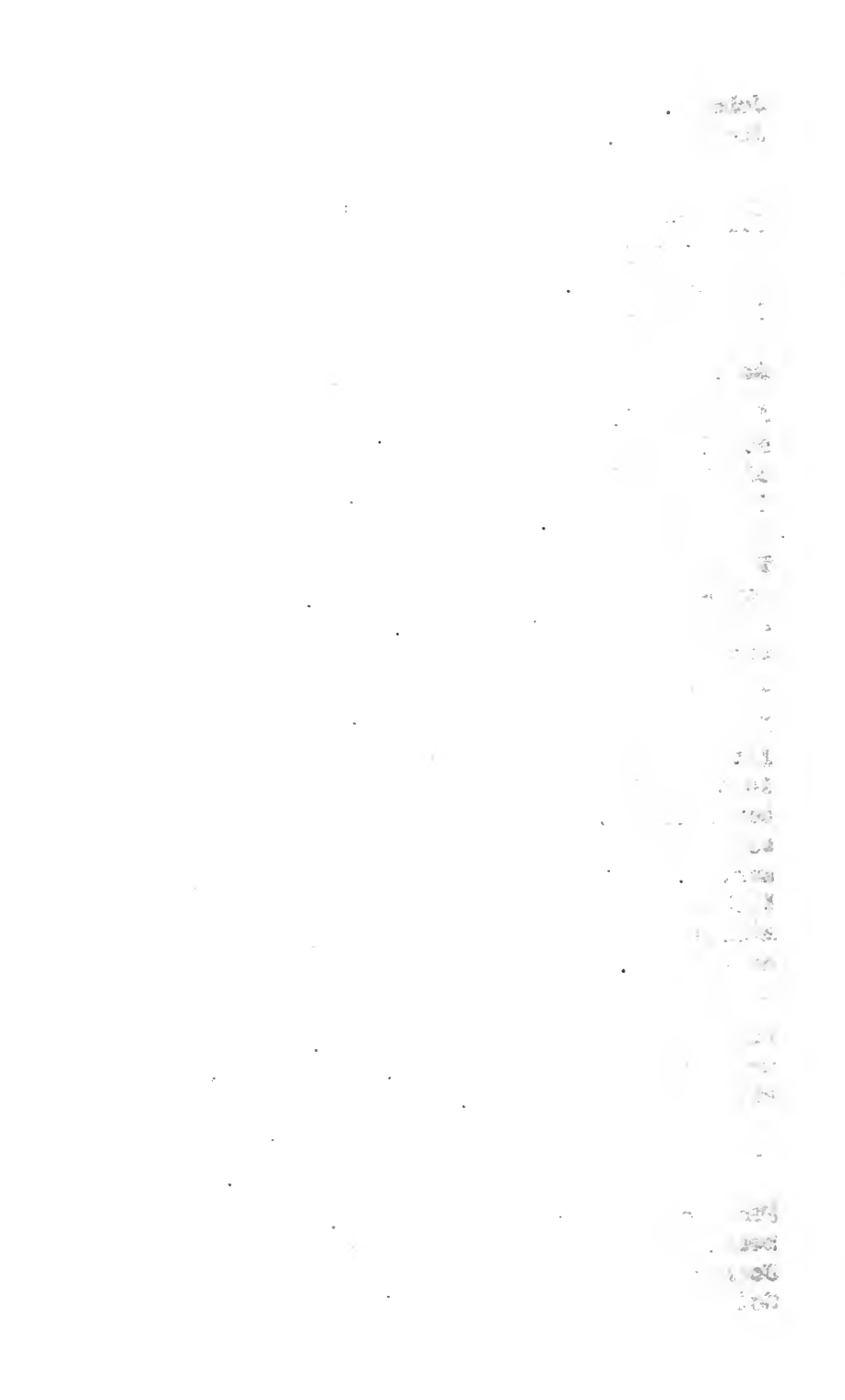
I took only three days vacation this summer so there is a possibility that I might receive permission to attend the Catholic Library Association conference in New Orleans next Easter. Last year with the Association, they took care of all my expenses and put me up in a suite with Father Jovian Lang, the president of the CLA. (I was on the program last year.)

I expect to be in Toronto twice during the winter for Color Guard contests. Perhaps I shall see you at that time. With every best wish for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Jack Whitley.

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John R. Whitley
November 26, 1969

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The Aquinas Institute of Rochester
1127 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, N.Y. 14613
Basilian Fathers
November 26, 1969

Dear Father Scollard:

A thousand pardons for the long delay in answering your recent letter. I was in Toronto on the 16th with the Aquinas Band for a performance at CNE stadium and I expected to see you before I left. However, things didn't work out as planned. I am now asking Mike Cerreto to deliver this note to you since he will be at the Seminary for American Thanksgiving.

I would be delighted to put something in the Courier about your Dictionary of Basilian Biography. It could take the form of a news release or a book review or, for that matter, both. As soon as I learn the particulars I will go right to work. You mentioned you were sending a copy to Fathers Burke and Carter. Father Carter has not received his copy as yet and Father John Burke has been helping out at a parish for the past few days so I haven't seen him.

Something in the Basilian Newsletter, Intercom or a separate flyer describing the book might evoke interest on the part of the confreres. Many would surely like a personal copy. We would certainly want at least one copy for the house library and another for the school library. Perhaps we should underwrite the cost of the book for St. Bernard's Seminary library and St. John Fisher could do the same for Nazareth College.

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Our house has been making plans for celebrating the 50th anniversary of Fathers Donovan and Spratt. It appears that the festivities will take place over a period of two days with one day devoted to a strictly Basilian celebration and the other day for the general public. We understand that Cardinal Flahiff will come to Rochester for the occasion. I will keep you informed as arrangements develop.

Regarding "little Catholic magazines", our library receives a number of them but, due to lack of storage space, I have never been able to keep back copies. Soon I will make up a list of periodicals which we will have to discard and I will be sure that you receive a copy. Perhaps there will be something that will help you to complete a volume. I do have some periodicals on microfilm. University Microfilms in Ann Arbor has a fairly attractive offer school libraries. However, I find that high school students just don't like to bother - they much rather have the printed copy.

All are well at Aquinas and we are all looking forward to the coming Ordinations. It is quite a privilege for our house.

With every best wish.

Faternally,

Jack Whitley

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January 15, 1970

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The Aquinas Institute of Rochester
1127 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, N.Y. 14613
Basilian Fathers
January 15, 1970

Dear Father Scollard:

My sincere appreciation for the copy of your DICTIONARY OF BASILIAN BIOGRAPHY. I found it fascinating reading. Of particular interest were the biographies of men who were stationed at Aquinas in my time. The volume also provides a wealth of information about those giants of the Community whose names we heard so often but about whom we knew so little.

I don't know if you saw the small item in the Courier Journal. Christmas season is a bad time for sending materials to the Courier. The paper is traditionally tight at that time and often articles are either cut drastically or left out all together. I have spent hours working on sports articles only to find that they did not appear at all. School news is the first item to be dropped when a "small" paper is printed. Next week I will send in another article about your book. I will approach it from a local point of view - the fact that it contains articles about Father O'Loane, Father Onorato, etc.

Yesterday I sent an order for ten copies to Father Jim Morro.

You probably heard that Leon Hart is resigning as Principal and has accepted a position with the Rochester Catholic Schools Office. It is not generally known other than in the house and

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among the lay faculty. A statement will be issued from Father Brent in the Schools Office some time in the future. Father Gibbons was here last week and invited staff members, religious and lay, to make suggestions for a successor.

Perhaps I am terribly old fashioned in this day of renewal, but I just can't see Leon going to the Diocesan Office. Everything he has and everything he is has come from the Basilian Fathers. He was given his own car and membership in the Rochester Club, the Kiwanis and a dozen other organizations. He is extremely well known in the city. I would think that he is now in a position to do his best work for Aquinas. If everyone were to "do his own thing" there wouldn't be much of a Community left. But that is just my opinion.

This has been a busy and somewhat hectic month. I am on the Liturgy Commission of the Diocese and Bishop Hogan is taking a keen interest. We have had several meetings in preparation for the forthcoming changes in the Mass which will take place in this Diocese on Palm Sunday.

I am giving a series of talks on the radio during Lent regarding the changes. Our Sunday televised Mass will also incorporate the changes and the homily will reflect these changes. The Mass is prerecorded on Tuesday afternoon. We are presently getting another issue of the Aquinas Action Advocate ready. This four-page newsletter is distributed to 12,000 Aquinas alumni, parents and friends. Each quarter I also do an article for the High School Section's Newsletter of the Catholic Library Association. The deadline is next week.

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During Easter week I expect to go to Boston for the annual conference of the C.L.A. As a member of the advisory board I am expected to be present from Monday morning to Thursday afternoon.

Our Color Guard which did so well in Atlanta, Ga., last summer is in the building process this year. I lost ten boys through graduation so it is necessary to train replacements. We hope to take part in the Toronto Optimist competition held each year at St. Michael's high school. We have won first place for the past three years but things may be a bit different this year.

Cy Carter is not in good condition. He was in the hospital over Christmas but was back in the classroom the day after he returned. I took him to the doctor yesterday for a checkup and the doctor ordered him right back to the hospital. For a while the plans were that Cy would go to Houston for a month or so but now that is all changed. The major problem, besides the diabetes, is his kidneys. The poisons are building up in his body and he is finding it increasingly difficult to keep food on his stomach. The doctor told me that Cy was a very sick man.

Don Hyatt is progressing nicely. Jim Blackburn is teaching Don's classes so it looks as though it will be some time before Don returns to school.

Father Charlie Donovan has his good and bad days but Father Jack Spratt seems to be exceptionally good this summer. He is busy coaching hockey and loves every minute of it.

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The diocese of Rochester has been hard hit by clergy deaths, retirements and especially defections. Several of the large parishes are down to one assistant. Our Sunday work has grown recently because of the problem. Bishop Hogan just announced that Catholics in his diocese could fulfill their obligation on Saturday evening in certain parishes.

Why not stop over for a visit? We would love to have you. Incidentally, our annual retreat this year will be held during the third week of February, during the winter recess.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Jack Whitley.

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March 14, 1971

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The Aquinas Institute of Rochester
1127 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, N.Y. 14613
Basilian Fathers
March 14, 1971

Dear Father Scollard:

In answer to your letter of March 10th, I am sorry to say that Holy Week Retreat will not be held at Aquinas this year. At a house meeting in February we decided, as a house, to have Retreat at the Canandaigua Retreat House during Holy Week, that is, from Wednesday to Holy Saturday. It would be preached by local priests.

Since our discussion, we received Bill Gibbons' "pastoral" in which he suggests that the forthcoming Regional Meeting replace the annual retreat. However, a few of the priests are going to Mount Saviour near Elmira (Benedictines) for a few days during Holy Week. Others talked about going to the Trappists at Piffard, N.Y.

Perhaps you would like to come along and spend Holy Week at the Aquinas House. We have some semblance of recollection and maybe you could make your retreat in private. Our house is always happy to have you so come on over, if just for a visit.

In case you didn't see Bill Gibbons letter, I am enclosing a copy.

Bill Young is with us for a few days conducting the annual visitation.

Cy Carter is just about the same; perhaps growing just a bit weaker each day. I get over



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to see him every day, even for just a couple of minutes. Some days he is resting comfortably and other days he is in pain or quite confused. It is remarkable that he has lasted as long as he has. I thought for sure he would never leave the hospital at Christmas time. When he returned to St. Anne's he was able to sit in the chair a few hours each day but for the past three or four weeks he has been on the flat of his back. He has no strength left so I try to do little things for him and he is always so appreciative. You never hear him complain.

Father Raymond Prince has responded surprisingly well. He puts in a pretty good day's work in the guidance department and is walking quite well. He is a perfect example of sheer determination to overcome a handicap. Of course, he's a pretty good prayer and I am sure the Lord has had a lot to do with his recovery.

Father Charlie Donovan and Father Jack Spratt seem as healthy as ever and finding enough things to do to fill each day. The rest of the house seems to be in good health and good spirits. Joe Abend has lost all interest in high school and is looking forward to his appointment at the parish.

We are presently in the midst of a drive to raise from the Aquinas alumni \$75,000 to help meet our current debts. The parents organization is supposed to make up the rest of our \$120,000 operating deficit.

I manage to keep rather busy these days. My most recent job is an appointment to the New York

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State Commissioner of Education's Task Force on Library Service to Children. There are thirteen of us who will meet at least once a month in Albany or wherever our investigations take us for the next three years. We expect to set up a couple of model libraries where children's services from pre-school to grade six is handled completely by the school and not the public library.

In addition to this job I am also the chairman of the Diocesan Library Committee which meets monthly and the treasurer of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. Last year I gave a series of lenten talks on the liturgy over the radio. This year I gave just one talk, at Nazareth College, and prepared one paper - on the Easter Vigil, for distribution to the parishes. I also serve as a director of the Legal Aid Society.

Easter Week I expect to go to Cincinnati to attend the Catholic Library Association Convention. I was chairman of the High School Section nominating committee this year. I estimated that we contacted over one hundred persons before we came up with a slate of twelve. People either have too much to do or can't afford to go to the convention. I did manage to get Frank Flood to run for board member of the High School Section. He'll be able to rest up for his arduous duties while he is on his forthcoming sabbatical.

The coming week will be rather busy. On Wednesday we tape our Sunday Television Mass for Shutins. On Thursday I am representing the

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Catholic Library Association at the inauguration of Alfonse Miele as President of the College of Saint Rose in Albany. Saturday and Sunday I am at a place called Muncy in Pennsylvania making an appeal for the Basilian Missions.

Father Lee Higgins asked me to become editor of the Basilian Memo. I am not sure if he wants to expand it or not. Apparently Billie Ragan, the lady who has been doing the work on it, finds it increasingly hard to find material to write about. I am far too far away from the scene of operations and I don't think I have the time. We have hired a public relations man at Aquinas but I find that I am writing almost as much for him as I did when I had the job. I am supposed to assist him but every week he comes in for an article for the Courier Journal or for the daily papers.

Last year I took a course in photography from an R.I.T. prof who taught it in summer school at St. John Fisher. This summer I would like to take a course in journalism but I can't find one being offered locally. The closest would be Syracuse.

Sincere wishes to you and all the confreres.

Cordially,

Jack Whitley.

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John F. Collins
January 21, 1969

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Basilian Fathers Missions
P.O. Box 708 Sugar Land, Texas
414 Main Street, 77478
Rev. John Collins, C.S.B.
Mission Director
1/21/69

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your always informative letter.

Yesterday we broke ground for a new church at Arcola, Texas. The new rectory at Rosenberg is coming along well and should be completed in a couple of months. The Cultural Center in Mexico is doing better than I had hoped for. There are 30 boys there now.

Father Lee Higgins got a pretty clear bill of health from the doctor the other day. He has diverticulitis. I think when you saw him he was taking the tests and was not feeling too well at the time. He will be here for another week. Then he goes to California and then back to Detroit. He does not have as many places as some other years, but they are better places and will provide just as much revenue, with less work.

My health is pretty good at the present. The flu hit me pretty hard and the medications, etc. were hard on my system. My blood count went down and the doctor was worried lest there might be some internal bleeding, but found none and concluded that I was just enemic from not eating enough etc., due to the flue and the effects of the medication.

The enclosed card is interesting, in as much as it was in Mrs. Billie Ragan's mother's

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prayer book. Her mother is 94. She does not remember where she got it, but Billie suspects that, since her mother lived in an area where priests from Waco might have helped out, that she knew him that way.

Norm Murphy is going to spend the summer with me in Sugar Land.

In this day and age, it is difficult to know just what is going on.

Certainly religious life and Basilian life as I knew it, is fast disappearing. There is not much room or respect for an old man any more. You are just tolerated.

Best of everything.

John

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Vincent C. Reinsborough
January 26, 1969

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St. John Fisher College
Dynnyrne, Tasmania 7005
January 26, 1969

Dear Father Scollard,

We have a long weekend. Tomorrow is Australia Day. It seems to be just an excuse for a holiday. Something like our July 1st. Maybe since centenary year, this date means more for Canadians but Australia Day is taken rather nonchalantly by Aussies. They get much more excited over Johnny Famechon winning the bantam-weight (?) championship of the world which he did last week.

The report you sent on the Seminary library looks interesting. Obviously much strengthening has to be done. Now that you have a pretty good idea of what's been done to it since you had it, you will be able to move with some despatch to remedy the situation. That presumes of course that the money is available.

A week ago, I mailed you a copy of Robin Hill's "Birds of Australia". This beautifully illustrated book will be a collector's item in the near future. If you feel that the Seminary library is not the place for it, please feel free to give it to another one of our libraries. This book will give Basilians some idea of what they're missing in just one little area in not coming to Australia. The splendid array of hues and tints displayed by Australian bird life never fails to impress and amaze me. This book will show you what I mean.

As you probably have heard, I leave for New Zealand in a few weeks time to take up the position of Research Fellow - Lecturer at the



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Victoria University of Wellington. My address until I find a suitable religious house to live in will be: "Chemistry Dept., Victoria University of Wellington, P.O. Box 196, Wellington, N.Z." Any day now, I should hear how the thesis was received by the examiners. I am not too worried about the outcome but of course one must wait for the official verdict.

No bush fires so far in Tasmania this summer. Everyone is being extra cautious since Victoria and New South Wales have experienced troublesome blazes. The weather has been good lately with a few days of 80 degrees temperatures. New Zealand should have much the same climate.

Father T.A. MacDonald wrote the other day much to my surprise. When I recover from the shock, I'll answer it. Basilians are notorious for letter answering as I'm finding out. My last three letters to Russell Hill have gone unheeded and, if you see John Stapleton, you might remind him that there is some urgency in the matter about which I wrote him. So long for now. I guess Maori will be the language of the next letter.

In Christ,

Vince Reinsborough, CSB

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C. Ralph Koehler
May 13, 1969

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La Pointe
2990 Riverside Drive West
Windsor, Ontario
5-13-69

Dear Bob,

I don't know if you are still the community archivist or not, but I'll send this on anyway insofar as you may find it interesting/informative and perhaps find its way to some sort of file (circular or otherwise). The possibilities as I understand them now are the St. Joseph Sisters of London. Stan Murphy tells me the music department of the University of Windsor would love to have it and a couple from the Art Department have been in to give it a quick look. Everything moved into the new library? I still haven't found who has the say on our own library when we pack.

The best, in Christ.

Ralph Koehler, C.S.B.)

Edwin J. Kline
November 18, 1969

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Lumen Christi High School
3483 Spring Arbor Road
Jackson, Michigan 49203
November 18, 1969

Dear Bob,

Many thanks for sending your personal letter with all the news. We look forward to receiving your book. Incidentally I saw a copy of Father E.J. McCorkell's book on Father Henry Carr. If you know anyone who can send us a copy, let them know and I'll send whatever it costs. If not, perhaps you might send the publisher's address so I can order.

I'll keep my eye open for anything in a "little Catholic magazine". I can't think of anything offhand. I'll send you a copy of a paper I did about a year ago for my classes in "Formation of Conscience". This is a third revision and has had lots of use. I hope to revise it again this year.

Enclosed is a check for \$21.00. This is bination stipend I owe the seminary. Would you give it to the appropriate person. Give my regards to all!

In Christ,

Ed Kline, CSB

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John F. Murphy
November 24, 1969

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Assumption University
Windsor, Ontario
Monday-

Dear Bob -

Thank you for your kind generosity. Your letter came late last week and the book arrived today.

It is excellently done and it contains a vast amount of data about those we knew and admired. I appreciate the hours of research that went into the book and I great appreciate having it.

I'm having a "go" at the new liturgy these days - preparing for the 1st Sunday of Advent. All are well here. I saw Reg over the weekend. God's best blessings always.

Sincerely yours

John Murphy, CSB

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Bernard M. Regan
November 20, 1969

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Catholic Central High School
6565 West Outer Drive
Detroit, Michigan 48235
November 20, 1969

Dear Bob,

Was happy to receive your letter. Glad to know that you are able to get out to Michael Power once in a while. Shall be looking forward to receiving a copy of the Bibliography. Am keeping fairly busy at the University of Detroit. I am taking a Latin course and one in Education, methods of teaching foreign languages. Have two good professors and they expect me to do a little bit of work! The semester ends December 16. Thanksgiving comes next week. I think now I will be able to hang on until the end!

Just had a call from Father Baumgartner. His sister-in-law died yesterday and he asked me to preach at the funeral Mass on Saturday at St. Andrew's Parish in Rochester, Michigan. Couldn't say no!

Father Todd is slipping. He is very feeble now. He has to be helped to and from the dining room. I took him to the doctor's about two weeks ago and the doctor indicated that all his problems stem from malnutrition. He has been eating better the last two weeks. He can't say Mass any more and I feel he should be in a hospital or a nursing home for the professional care he needs. He has another doctor's appointment November 24. We will see what happens then. He sleeps most of the day and arises early in the morning!

Sincerely yours

Bernard M. Regan, C.S.B.

Bernard M. Regan
December 2, 1969

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Catholic Central High School
6565 West Outer Drive
Detroit, Michigan 48235
December 2, 1969.

Dear Bob,

Thank you very much for the copy of "The Dictionary" which arrived a few days ago. I was very pleased to receive it. Its completion indicates much work and research on your part. You can be proud of the production.

Frank Flood returned on Sunday night. He was much impressed with the hospitality of St. Michael's College and other houses in the area. He has talked of nothing else since he returned.

Father Gerry Todd is being operated on this morning at Mt. Carmel Hospital. X-rays indicated a rectal tumor - a small one. They will remove it today. They don't feel it is anything serious. I was in to see him yesterday and he doesn't know he is having an operation today. He was complaining about the service - the food - all the pills he has to take. He was right back "to normal".

I expect to finish off at the University of Detroit about December 16. It has been a profitable experience and now it is almost over. Hope you are well. My best regards to all.

Sincerely yours

Benard M. Regan, C.S.B.

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Bernard M. Regan
March 20, 1970

St. Thomas High School
Basilian Fathers
4500 Memorial Drive
Houston, Texas 77007
March 20, 1970.

Dear Bob,

Thank very much for your recent letter. Let me express my sympathy to you and the members of your family on Margaret's death. Was very sorry to hear it. I said a Mass this morning for the repose of her soul.

Delivered your messages to Father James Embser and also to Father Jim Magee. Was over to the University last evening. They had a special Mass at 5:00 p.m. in honor of St. Joseph. John Madden was the celebrant and he was ably assisted by Joe Meyers and Alfred Caird. Leo Munnelly delivered the homily and he did an excellent job. A party followed and then we had dinner. In the evening Father Embser took me to hear a lecture at Rice University. Dr. ^Steinberg, an artist and an expert on Michaelangelo delivered the lecture. He had many slides of the Sistine chapel and he interpreted them for an hour and a half! Father Embser fell asleep shortly after it started but afterwards he said it was a fine lecture!

Hope to go to Mexico with Leo Adam on Easter Sunday. Jim Wilson and I are going to Rosenberg tomorrow and we shall make our plans then. It has been cold and very wet here this week. Spring arrives at 6:57 p.m. today. Maybe we can expect some warm weather next week! Regards to all.

Sincerely yours

Bernard M. Regan, C.S.B.

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Gerald V. Sharpe
December 2, 1969

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St. Mary's Church
554 15th Street East
Owen Sound, Ont.
December 2, 1969

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for the "Dictionary". It is one of those books, once you start to read it you just keep on and on. Euge! Euge! It is of course more interesting for us older members. I sincerely hope the younger members will take to it if they are not turned off from the old school and old foggies. Sorry about Fathers Carlisle LeBel and Ernest Lajeunesse. Hope they are both progressing. Thanks again Bob. Best regards.

Jerry

(Transcribed from the original interleaved in a copy of the Dictionary of Basilian Biography)

John P. Ruth
December 2, 1969

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
Tues Dec 2, 1969

Dear Bob:

Thanks for the copy of your book. I shall
be reading it from cover to cover. What
I have already read seems very good. I
can see it must have required a lot of
research.

Your classmate

John

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John A. Burke
December 12, 1969

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Basilian Fathers
402 Augustine Street
Rochester, N.Y. 14613
December 12, 1969.

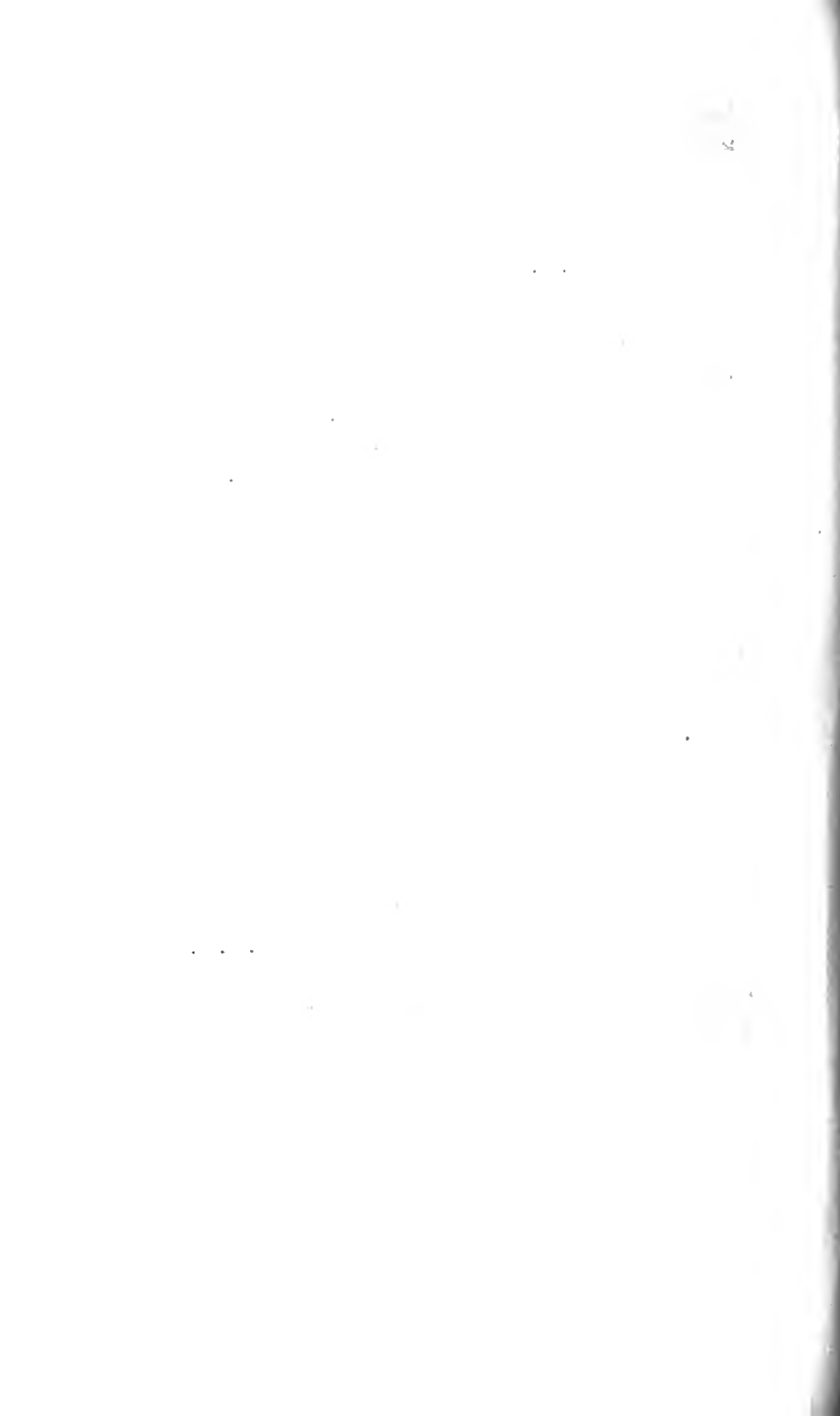
Dear Bob.

Just a note to thank you for sending me your book of Basilian biographies. It's a real contribution to Basiliana. I have read the whole book and enjoyed it very much. I enjoyed it even more than I would have previously because I spent three days at Annonay this past summer and visited the graves of so many who are mentioned in the book. We are all getting excited about the ordinations tomorrow. I feel a part of them more this year because I taught the deacons here the tract on the Sacrament of Penance and how to say Mass. Everyone is well here. As soon as Christmas is over we'll be working on the jubilee celebration for Fathers Donovan and Spratt. It's scheduled for March 7th.

Thanks again, Bob, for the book and congratulations on its production.

John Burke, C.S.B.

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Edwin C. Garvey
December 9, 1969

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University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77006
Dec. 9, 1969

Dear Bob:

Just a note to congratulate you and thank you for your Dictionary of Basilian Biography. It is a most valuable work and should do immense good for the community. We surely need a sense of history and community at this time. And I am sure that the reading of it was for me the best spiritual reading I have done for a long time.

I read the American biographies first and then the French and it is nice to appreciate the debt we owe to the French founders and pioneers. Many of the biographies raise teasing questions - for example why was M.V. Kelly in the doghouse for a few years in the sixteens - Père Walsh in South Dakota, etc. etc.

Classes finished yesterday and in my old age it is especially good to get a rest from them for a while. We have some fine students who believe philosophy is knowledge. Perhaps we shouldn't ordain anyone unless he can take an oath that he is a perennial philosopher and this would be at least an inherent assurance that he knows some orthodox theology and philosophy. No doubt theology and philosophy will make a comeback and the community will find some foundations to start building again.

Jack Madden seems to like it here and is doing great work.

Edwin C. Garvey
December 9, 1969

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Thanks again for your great contribution and best wishes and Christmas greetings to you and the confreres.

Fraternally in Christ

Ed Garvey

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Ernest J. Lajeunesse
November 29, 1969

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Assumption Church
2775 University Ave. W.
Windsor, Ontario
Basilian Fathers
November 29, 1969

Dear Father Scollard:

In the past fortnight you have given me two great thrills:

Thrill No. 1- Your letter advising me that my name was on your preferred mailing list for a copy of Dictionary of Basilian Biography.

Thrill No. 2- The receipt this week of the scholarly publication itself.

Your excellent reference work reached me at Hotel-Dieu Hospital where I am recovering from a little bout with angina pectoris. Thank God, I am making satisfactory progress and I hope to return home soon. I'll probably occupy a room at the University for a few weeks. Even in the Sun Parlor of Canada the doctor doesn't want me to be walking over for meals.

Your historical notices will be put to work immediately. A short while ago Father Victor Vachon, a Scarboro priest, was asking me for biographical information about Fathers Alfred Côté, Francis Semande and Luke Renaud. He is presently stationed at River Canard and is compiling a "Who's Who" of the priests and religious from that parish. The Dictionary of Basilian Biography will save him a lot of time consuming research.

Thanks a lot for the two thrills, especially No. 2. The horizontal (on a hospital bed)

Ernest J. Lajeunesse
November 29, 1969

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reading of your splendid work is evoking many pleasant Basilian memories.

With best wishes for a very merry Christmas,
I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

E.J. Lajeunesse, C.S.B.

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Ernest J. Lajeunesse
January 26, 1971

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Assumption Church
Basilian Fathers
2775 University Ave. W.
Windsor, Ontario
January 26, 1971

Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks a lot for the preview treat of your latest publication - The Diaries and Other Papers of Michael Joseph Mungovan, C.S.B. Father Donlon enjoyed it also. Keep up the good work.

I'll be on the lookout for copies of Assumption Review and Alumni Chatter. Right now I don't know where to start. Maybe I'll try Father W.P. McGee.

I can hardly wait to receive your request for C.C.H.A. fees.

In the meantime will you please make the following corrections in the typescript of my Nov. 21st talk at La Pointe:

P.3, 1.3 - change 'ten' to 'eight'

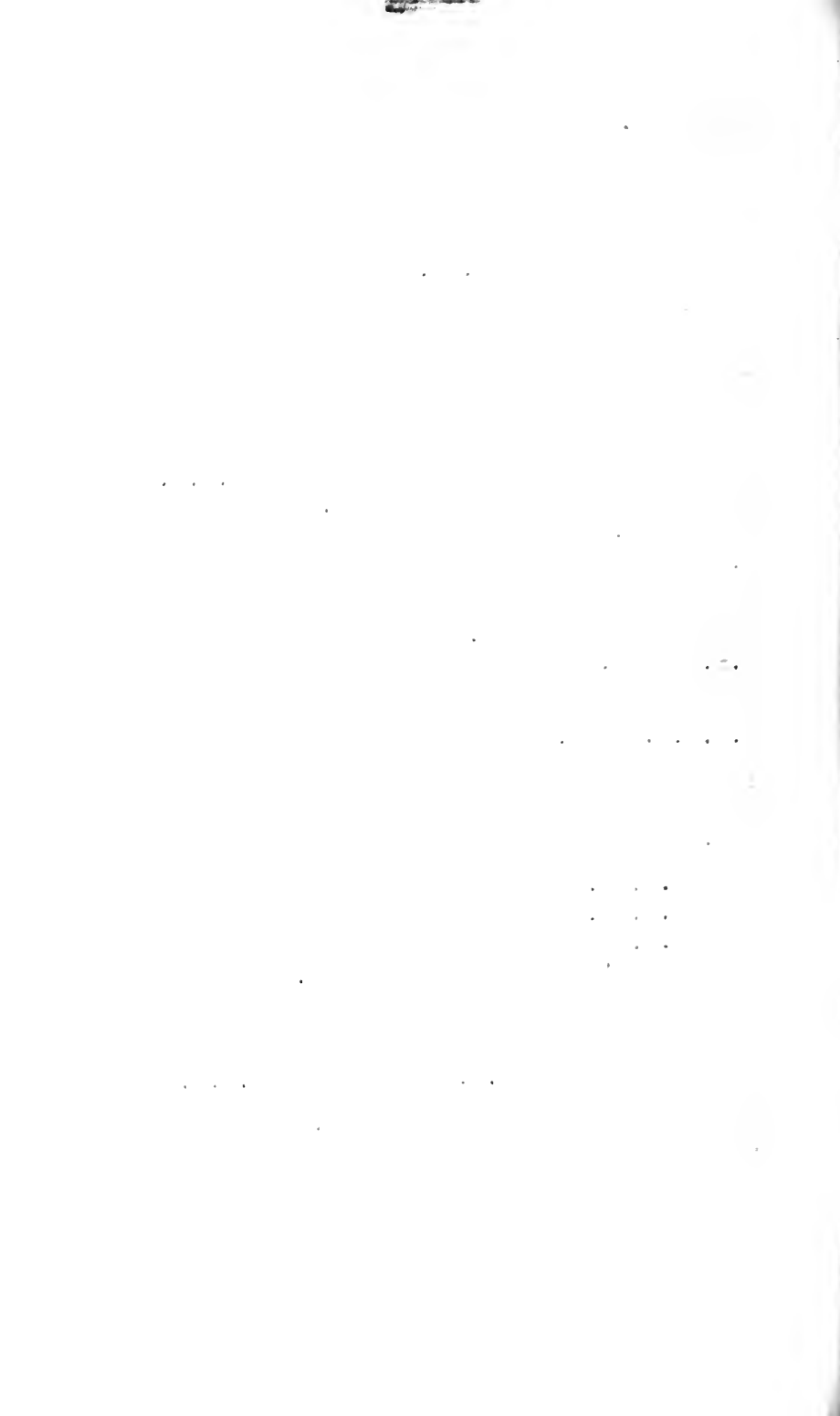
P.3, 1.5 - change '1885' to '1883'

P.6, three lines from the bottom change
'cherished' to 'deep'.

Sincerely yours in Christ

E.J. Lajeunesse, C.S.B.

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Ernest J. Lajeunesse
February 3, 1971

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Assumption Church
Basilian Fathers
2775 University Ave. W.
Windsor, Ontario
February 3, 1971

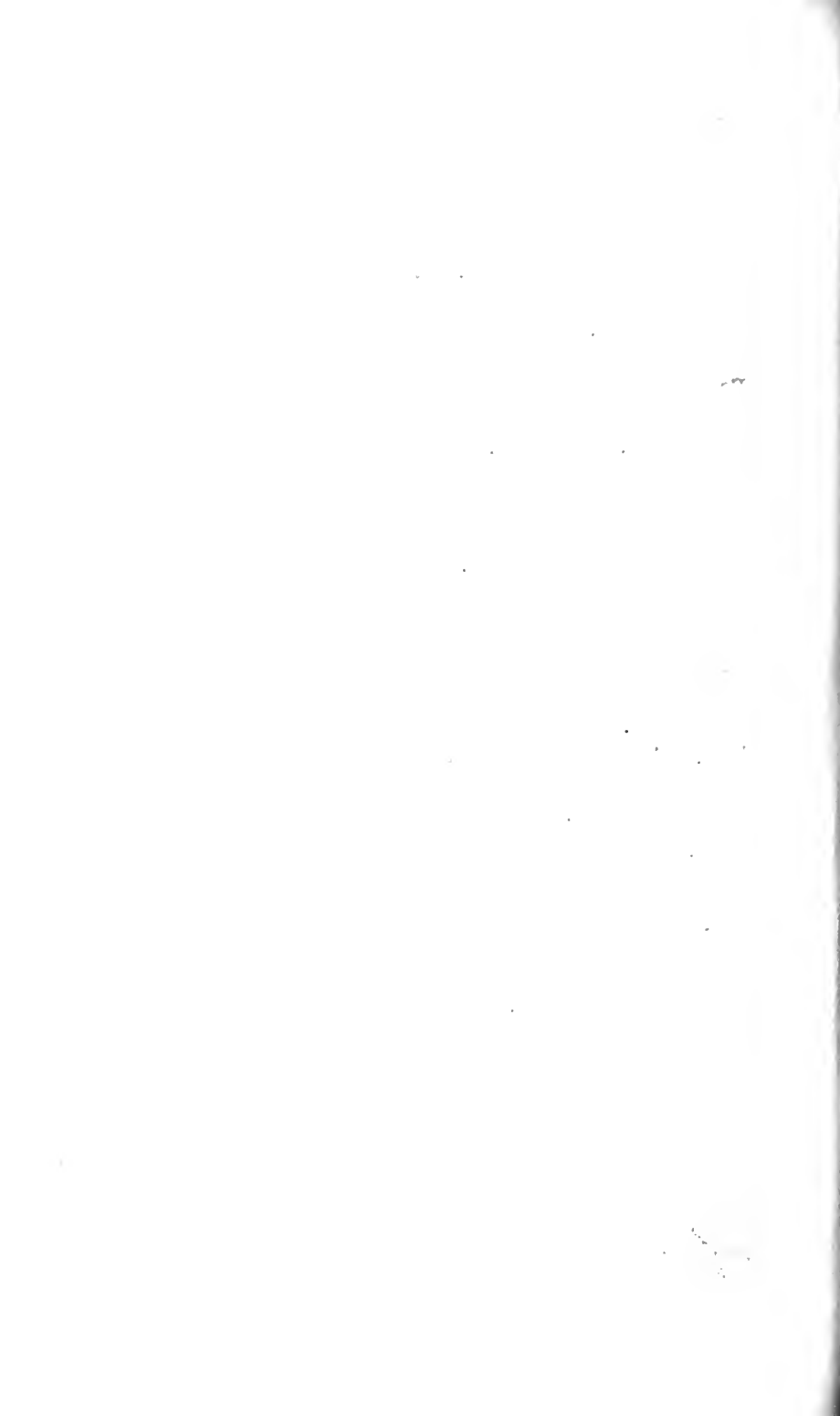
Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks a lot for the xerox copy of letter from Plymouth, England. It contains much information that will prove very interesting to history-minded Basilians. I'm eagerly looking forward to reading your coming publication on The Basilian Novitiates.

The treasurer of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association will soon receive my modest annual dues for 1970-71. The suitable donation will have to wait until my financial picture improves. But I'll keep it in mind in case an 'angel' comes around. I'm not planning to attend the 1971 Study Sessions at St. John's, Newfoundland.

Detailed information on Bishop Pinsonneault's Place is scarce. In a paper entitled The History of Assumption Church written by Father Jean Aboulin we read: "Enormous sums of money were expended on a structure far more fantastic than substantial." This paper was read by Francis Cleary at a meeting of the Essex County Historical Society on November 24, 1905. The article had come into the reader's hands through the kindness of Father Francis Semande who was then (1905) pastor of Assumption Parish.

I have checked the Hiram Walker Historical Museum for a newspaper article at the time of construction or on the occasion of the Palace's



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February 3, 1971

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formal opening. The result was negative. However, in its background account a newspaper write-up of July 18th, 1890, even though not accurate, gives an inkling of the type of construction. I enclose a copy of a copy of this article. The red ink is mine.

By the way, I'd like to read the Outline History of Assumption College 1872-1879 by Father Michael Mungovan. Is it in your possession?

Another thing - will you please make the following corrections in the typescript of my November 21st talk at La Pointe:

Page 3, line 3, change 'ten' to 'eight'
3 5, " '1885' to '1883'
6, three lines from the bottom -
change 'cherished' to 'deep'.

With kindest regards to you and the confreres,
I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

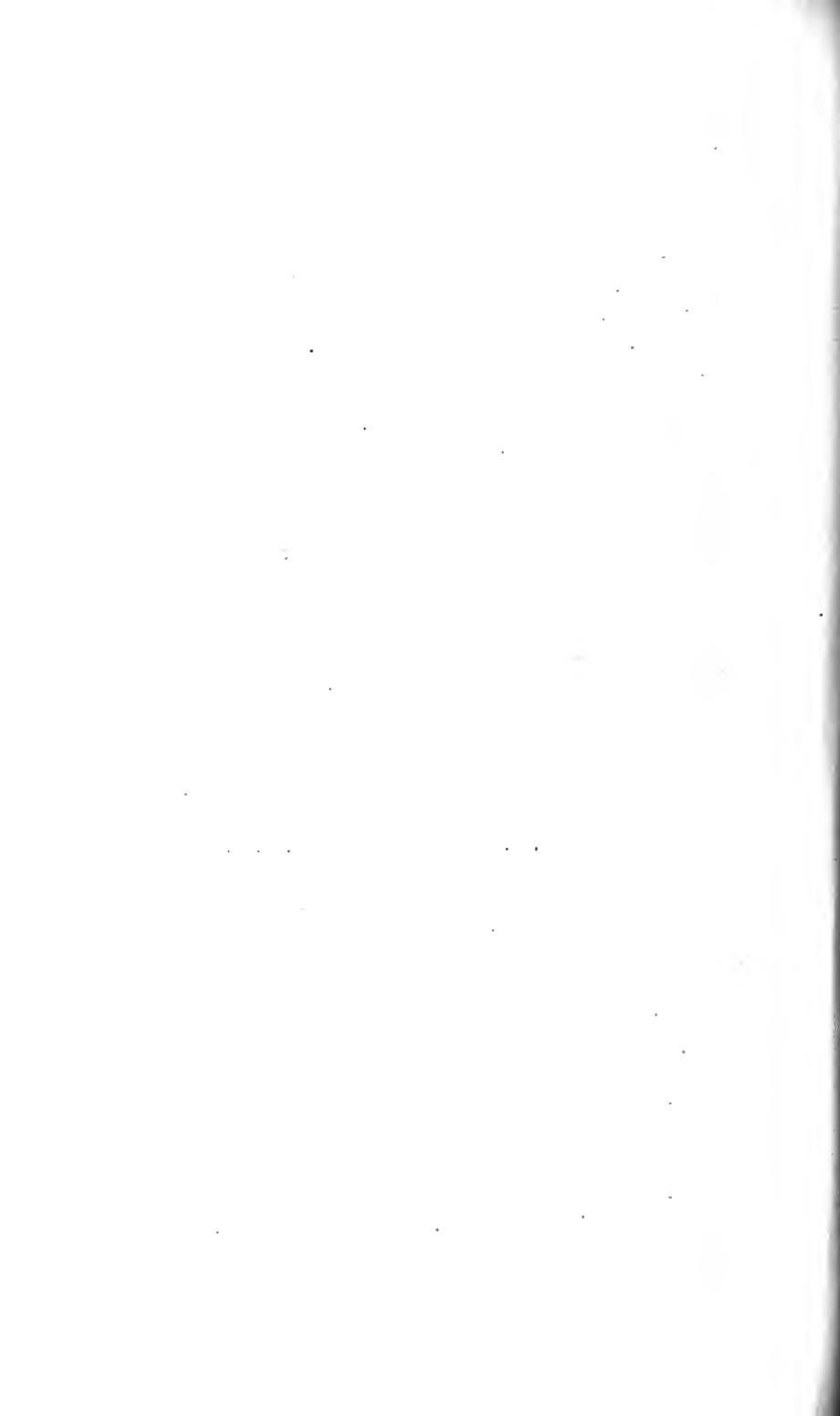
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Extracts (2) from THE WINDSOR RECORD, July 18th, 1890

"THE BISHOP'S PALACE"

Adjoining the church is a long, low extension, winding and twisting in the arrangements of its rooms. One part of this is familiarly known as "The Bishop's Palace". In 1856 (i.e. 1859) Bishop Pinsonneault had the diocese moved from London and the name of the See changed from



London to Sandwich, and on his arrival here the Jesuits left. (1859 E.J.L.)

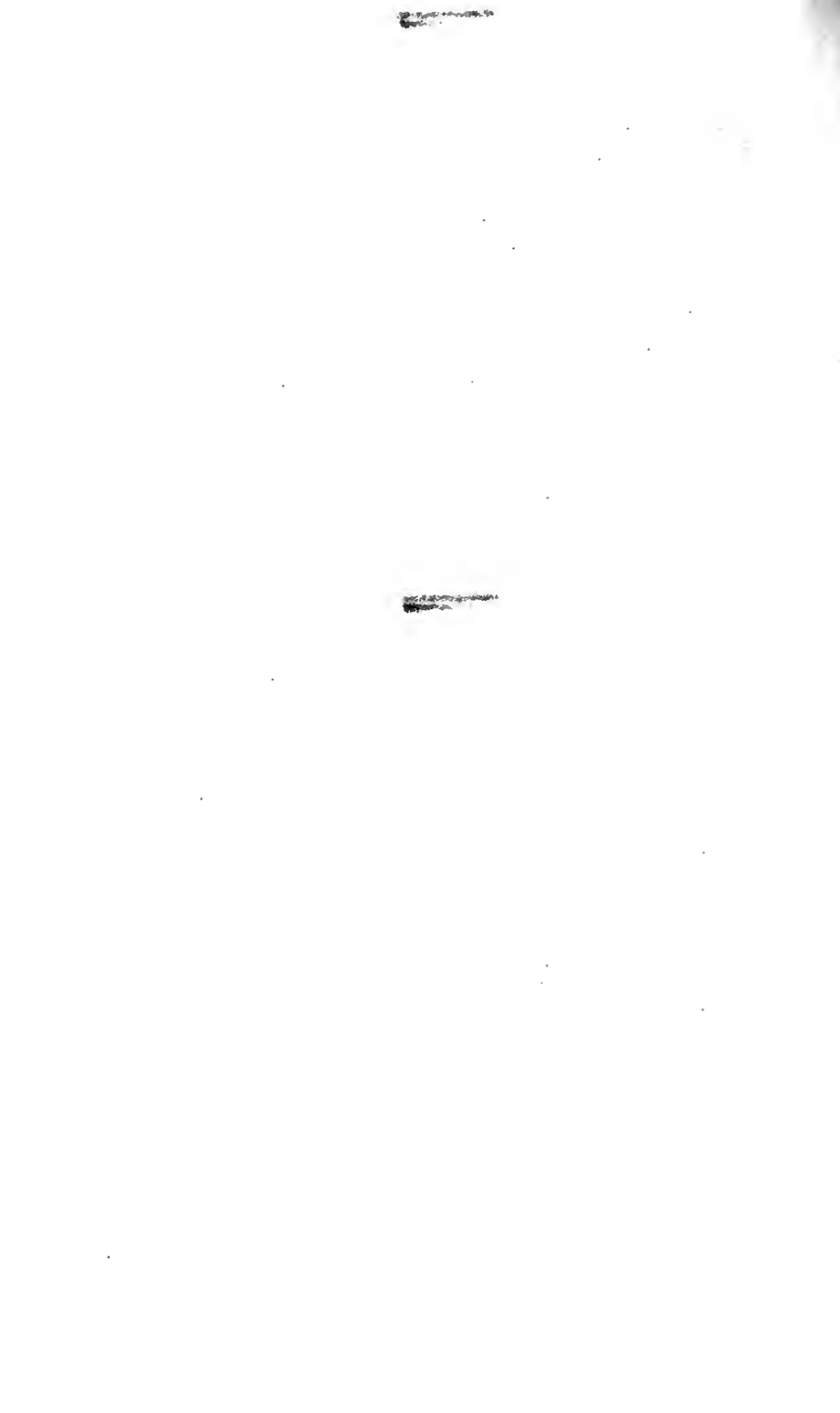
He took up his residence in the parish house, and in 1859 moved to the Bishop's Residence. Before he moved to the residence he had it remodelled (incorrect, just built), and although it has long been given over to ruin and decay, its regal appearance can be traced. In this old annex are many things to interest one who is antiquarian. With its old crucifixes, handsome and massive, the old oil paintings of scenery, along with many representing scenes in biblical history, interest is a product of every nook and cranny, while so calm and holy is its sacred appearance that a feeling of awe comes over who ever roams it o'er. The walls are painted by a master's hand and so well done with the idea of lasting for years that today it is as clear and bright as when the building was in a perfect state of preservation.

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"THE OLD NUNNERY"

Sandwich, Ontario

The present old building of which a cut is given today's readers, was erected in Father Hubert's time, and about the same time that the church was erected by him. It was then occupied as a residence by the sexton of the church and in ghostly conformity with his duties a part of it was set aside for holding of dead bodies brought in from a distance, from the surrounding regions, to await funeral services by the priest the next day. In 1852 the old building was occupied by the "Ladies of the Sacred Heart" as a nunnery.



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February 3, 1971

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It was used by them until 1859 when they were removed to London, and in this year all trace of Jesuitism was extinguished here, then they left for other parts.

Reference: HWHM 20-135-(5)

Hiram Walker Historical Museum.
254 Pitt Street West
Windsor 12, Ontario.

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Ernest J. Lajeunesse
April 22, 1971

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Assumption Church
2775 University Ave. W.
Windsor, Ontario
April 22, 1971

Dear Father Scollard:

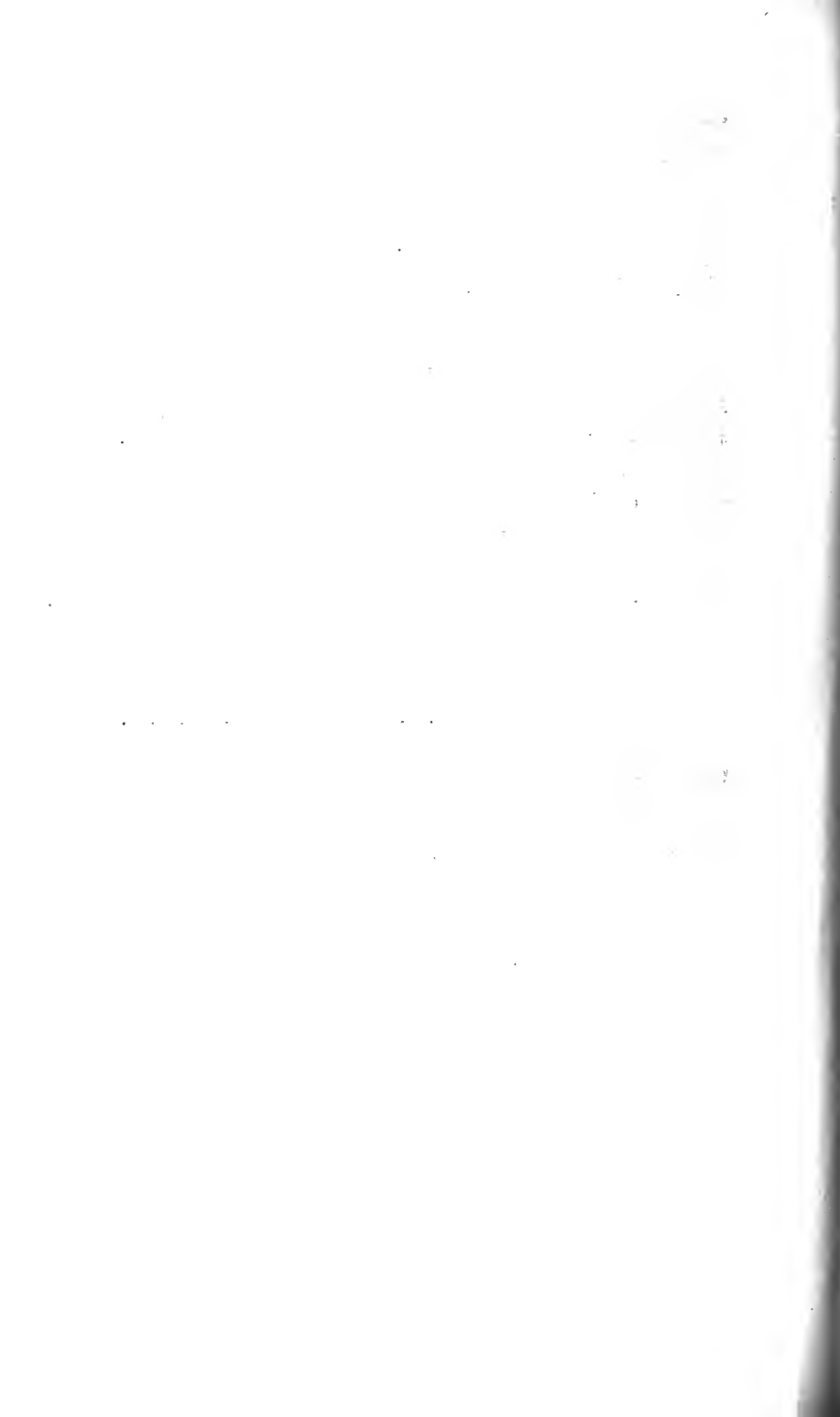
I know nothing about Father Soulerin's letters found in Father Frank Boland's collection.

Father Dan Mulvihill inherited ? some of Father Boland's papers and books. He does not recall Father Soulerin's letters among these effects. However, he says he will check the boxes of papers. It may be necessary to prod him a bit.

Sincerely in Christ,

E.J. Lajeunesse, C.S.B.

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William H. O'Brien
December 1, 1969

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St. Thomas More College
1437 College Drive
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Monday, Dec. 1/'69

Dear Father Scollard:

The long delay in answering your letter to me in Quebec must make me look ungrateful. I write, at this moment, not only to thank you for your letter but also for the copy you sent me of the Dictionary of Basilian Biography. I would have written sooner were it not for the fact that recent difficulties in the matter of health and nerves have made the writing of letters unusually difficult.

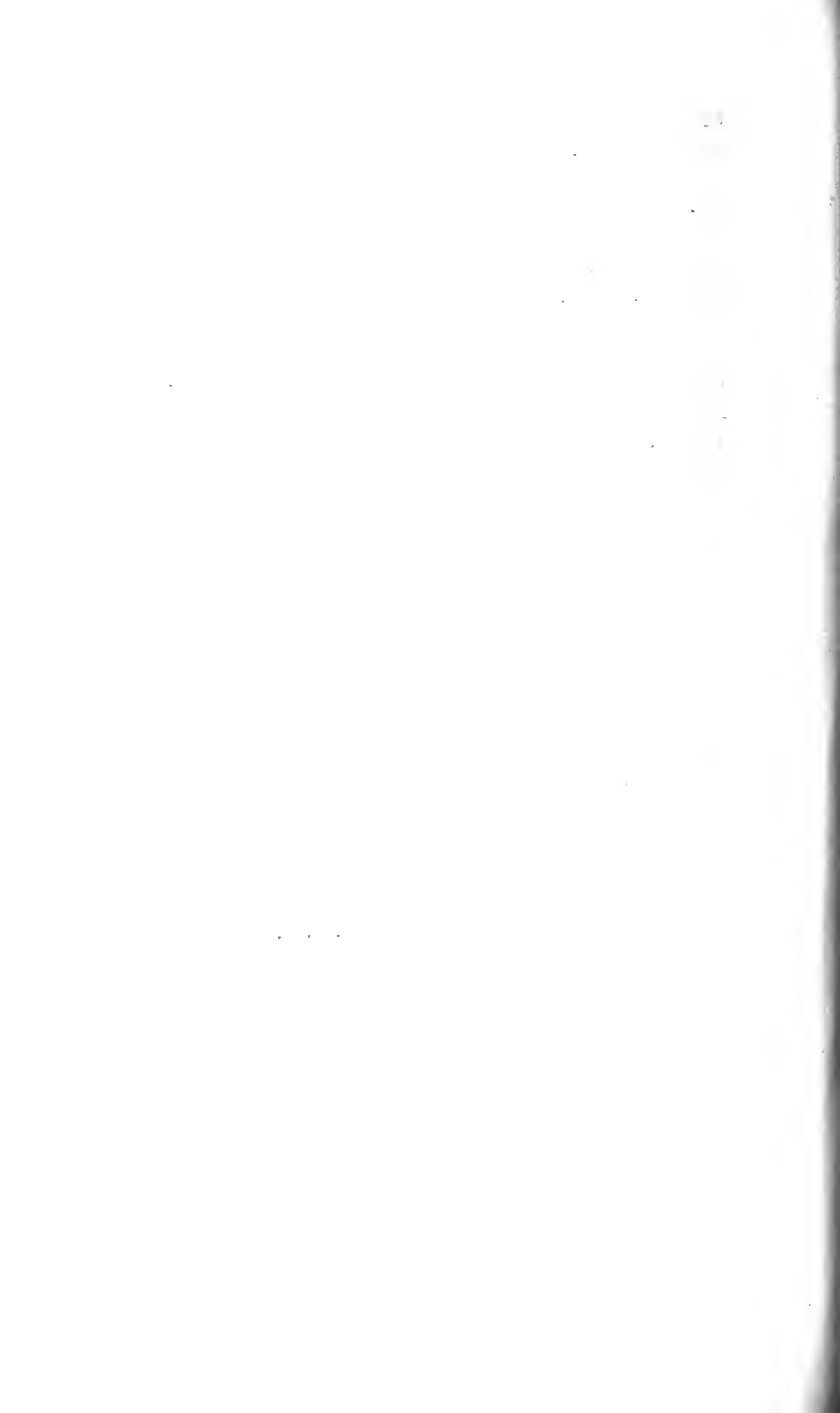
The Dictionary, needless to say, is quite to your credit and more than merits, apart from my gratitude, my very real congratulations. Yes, Sham was the first Basilian I "looked up" therein.

Once again, Father, my many thanks!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Bill O'Brien, C.S.B.

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Edward X. Ronan
November 19, 1969

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St. Michael's College School
1515 Bathurst Street
Toronto 10, Canada
Nov. 19, 1969.

Dear Bob:

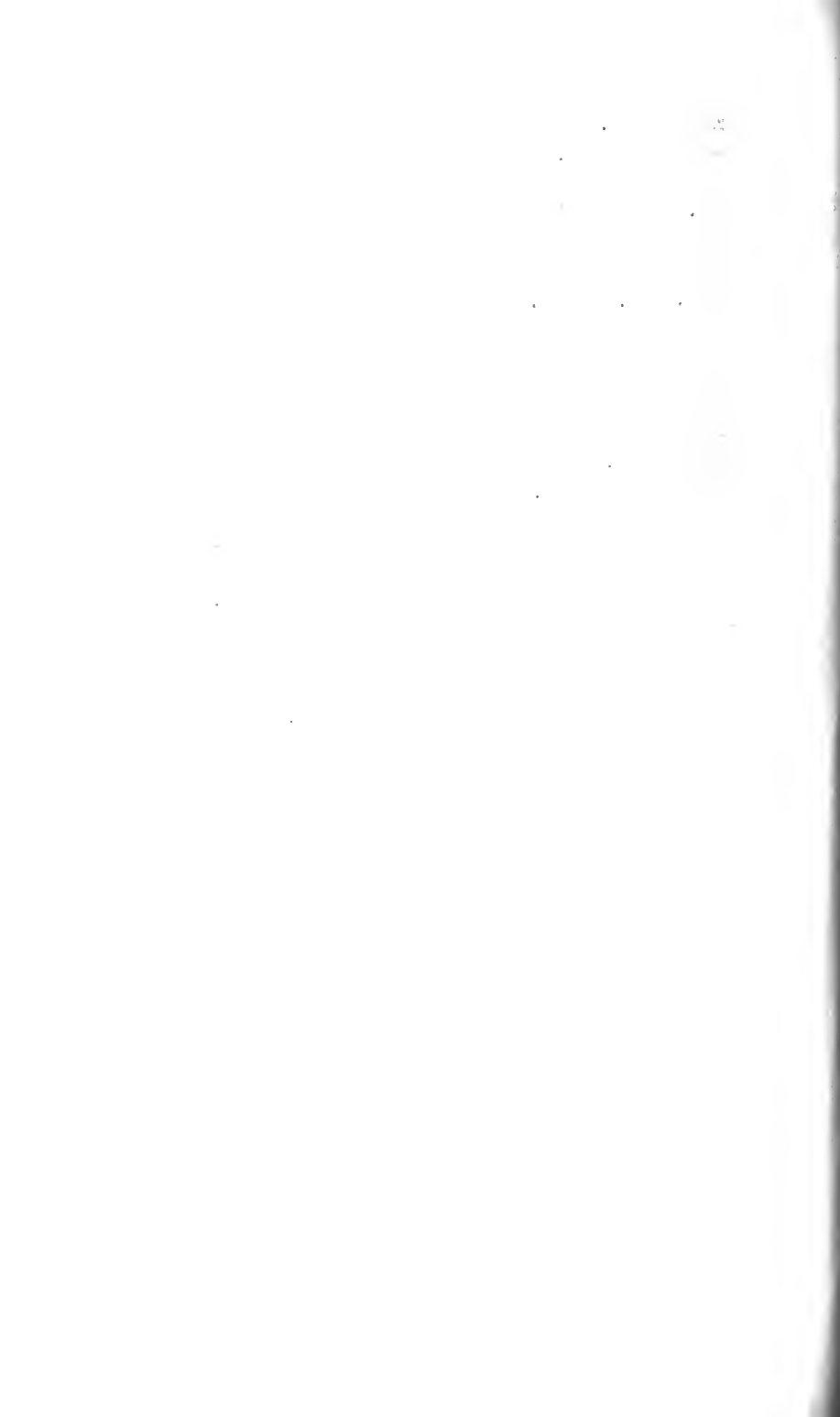
Many thanks for the copy of your book. I will take it to my mother soon, and I know she will enjoy it. I will also make sure that the Kellys see it.

Congratulations on your achievement!

Sincerely in Christ,

Ed Ronan

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John J. Gaughan
October 21, 1969

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Basilian Fathers
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto 181, Canada
The General Council
October 21, 1969

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.
St. Basil's Seminary
95 St. Joseph St.
Toronto 181, Ont.

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is cheque for \$1800,
Canadian from the \$2000, U.S., deposit last
year. I have not worked out the interest but
it will be about 7 1/2%, and the exchange
about 7 3/4%.

Thanks very kindly.

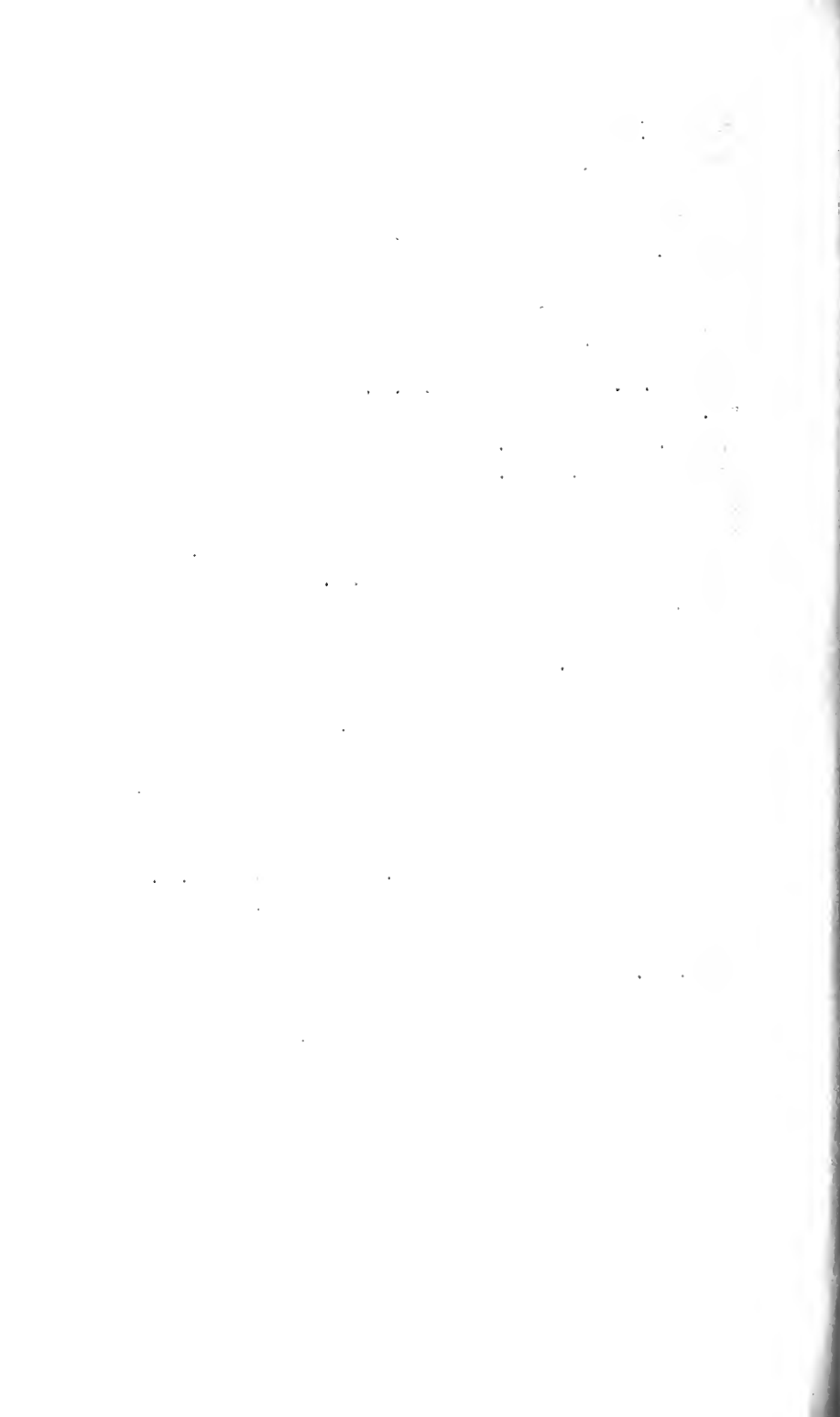
Sincerely yours in Christ,

John Gaughan

Rev. J.J. Gaughan, C.S.B.
Treasurer General.

JJG/rk
Encl. 1.

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Anthony J. Kelly
November 29, 1969

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St. Michael's College School
1515 Bathurst Street
(At St. Clair Avenue)
Toronto 10, Canada
November 29, 1969

Dear Bob,

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to you for the gift copy of your Dictionary of Basilian Biography. To take the time and pains to compose and edit such a work is an indication of your most evident community spirit. I assure you your work will be read and appreciated over the years by all the confreres who are devoted to the Congregation of St. Basil.

Again congratulations, Bob, for your splendid volume, and thank you for including me in your list of those privileged to receive a complimentary copy.

Sincerely

Tony Kelly

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Francis M. Sheahan
November 26, 1969

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Assumption College School
Office of the Treasurer
1100 Huron Line
Windsor, Ontario
November 26, 1969

Dear Bob:

I received your letter and then the book arrived this week. Thank you very much for thinking about me and my congratulations on the "Dictionary" it is very well done.

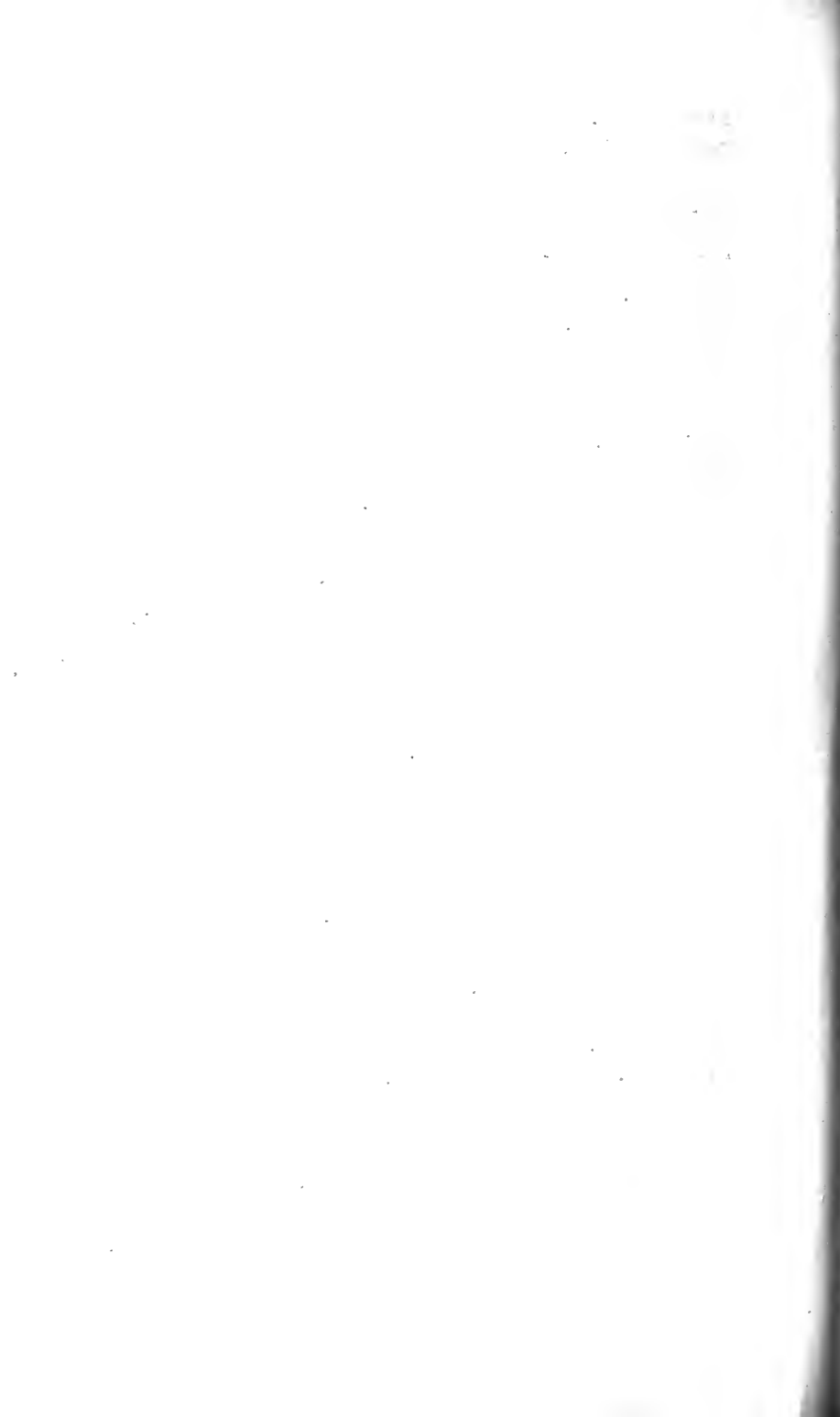
We are all well here and so far this year we have had no serious sickness. Over all our enrolment is about the same as last year. However our Boarder enrolment is down and this makes quite a difference in our financial picture. With a few breaks we could break even and I certainly don't look for any great loss unless things go really badly.

Things are a bit quieter right now as we are in between Football and Basketball. The Boarders leave today for the long American Thanksgiving weekend; the rest of the school will have Retreats tomorrow and Friday.

I hope this finds you well and that everything goes well with you. Please remember me to your family and to all the confreres especially Duke Batty. Thanks again Bob and hope to see you soon. God bless you.

Frank

(Transcribed from the original, interleaved in a copy of the Dictionary of Basilian Biography)



Arthur R. Looby
December 19, 1969

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Dear Bob.

Thank you very much for your Dictionary of
Basilian Biography.

It is very well done and I enjoyed reading
it, a wealth of information preserved for the
future.

I haven't detected any mis-information but a
second reading will let you know of any
questions that I have.

Meanwhile a Merry Christmas.

Art

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Wilfrid C. Sharpe
December 1969

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Dear Bob,

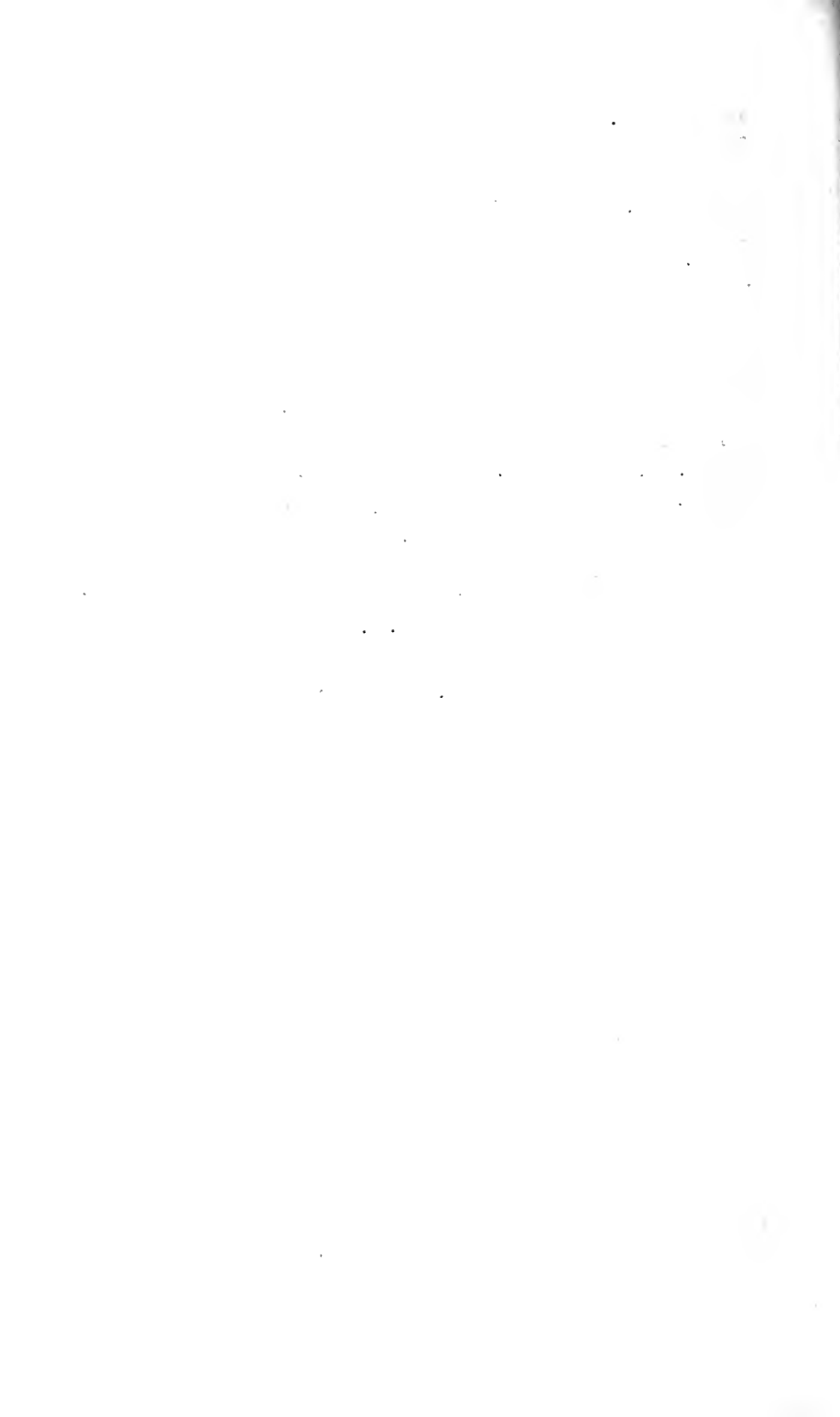
I want to tell you how much I appreciated your Dictionary of Basilian Biography. It must have taken a tremendous amount of work to get all those details so accurately. The book is a great source of pleasure to me as I live over again those memories.

Pat put your newsy letter on the bulletin board. The suggestion that John Meyer among others should pray for Laj, unfortunately, could not be implemented.

May our New-born King bring you many blessings.

W.C. Sharpe

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S. Raphael O'Loughlin
December 18, 1969

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Raphael O'Loughlin, C.S.B.
Consultant in Religious Education,
Diocese of Evansville
St. Patrick Church,
R.R. 2 Montgomery, Indiana 47558
18 December 1969

Dear Bob:

I have been meaning to write and thank you for the copy of Dictionary of Basilian Biography. I find the unknowns - to me - intriguing.

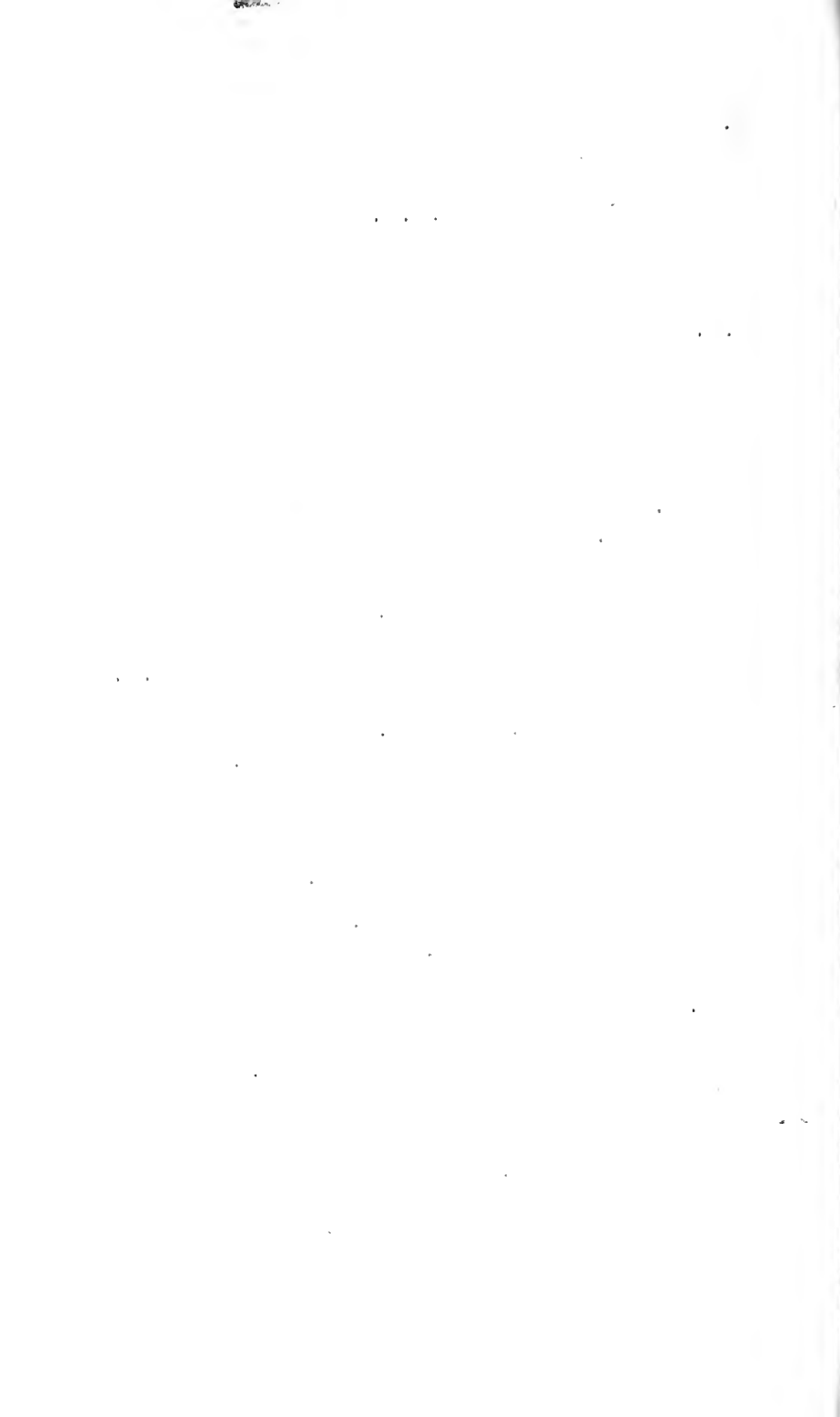
In thanksgiving may I suggest an amendment to your John Meyer biography. John was appointed to Catholic Central High School in 1934 but soon came back to Assumption College as T.A. MacDonald could not survive without some one to teach: German, biology, math, Greek and probably about three other subjects. I seem to recall something about the high school library which Bob Lamb assisted him with. A true "mirabilia Dei" even among the overextended confreres of those days.

Corning crossroads is quiet. Come down for a week and enjoy it with. I am becoming a recluse. I have only been up to see Hugh Foley once. I was at the Catholic Biblical Association meeting in Buffalo and stayed over to work on two branches of the "tree". I got a good lead that will take me back to the London area for my father's maternal side: McCann.

In XR,

Ralph

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William J. Young
October 31, 1968

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Dear Bob,

How do you like the latest issue of the Annonay post card? I thought you might want it for the archives. All goes well here.

Bill Y.

(College d'Annonay, Façade Ouest, postcard.
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in Toronto)

Matthew A. Killoran
June 16, 1969

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Ste. Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
1000 Ste. Anne St.
Detroit 16, Michigan
June 16, 1969.

Dear Bob:

Father James Embser is going to preach the Ste Anne's Novena this year. At present he is visiting in Buffalo some place. I would like to get a few facts about him that I could put in the newspaper around the first week or so of July. I was wondering if you may have enough information that I could give to the papers.

There is nothing new at Ste Anne's. Father Don Mooney is getting a big job done on the plastering, heating, painting and roofing. It will not be a complete job but it should hold out the water and look fairly good too. The men get \$12.00 an hour so you can see the money is about to run out. We will have to take a breather for a while.

I have just finished my Retreat at Catholic Central. John Murphy preached the first two days - he was very good. Father John Trace preached on something the next day. I did not gather much from it. Father Young, pastor of Precious Blood parish in Detroit, spoke the last day. He was very good too. Lortie or Tanqueray were not even mentioned at any time.

I took my vacation in Belledune a week ago. I only took one week. I do not find as much interest down there as in former years. I have only one sister left and three weeks get drawn out when you have nothing to do.



Matthew A. Killoran
June 16, 1969

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I will go now. I am in a hurry this morning. I am trying to get the letters for Ste Anne's Novena ready. I hope to mail them before the postage goes up July First.

Best to all,

Matt

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Matthew A. Killoran
February 22, 1970

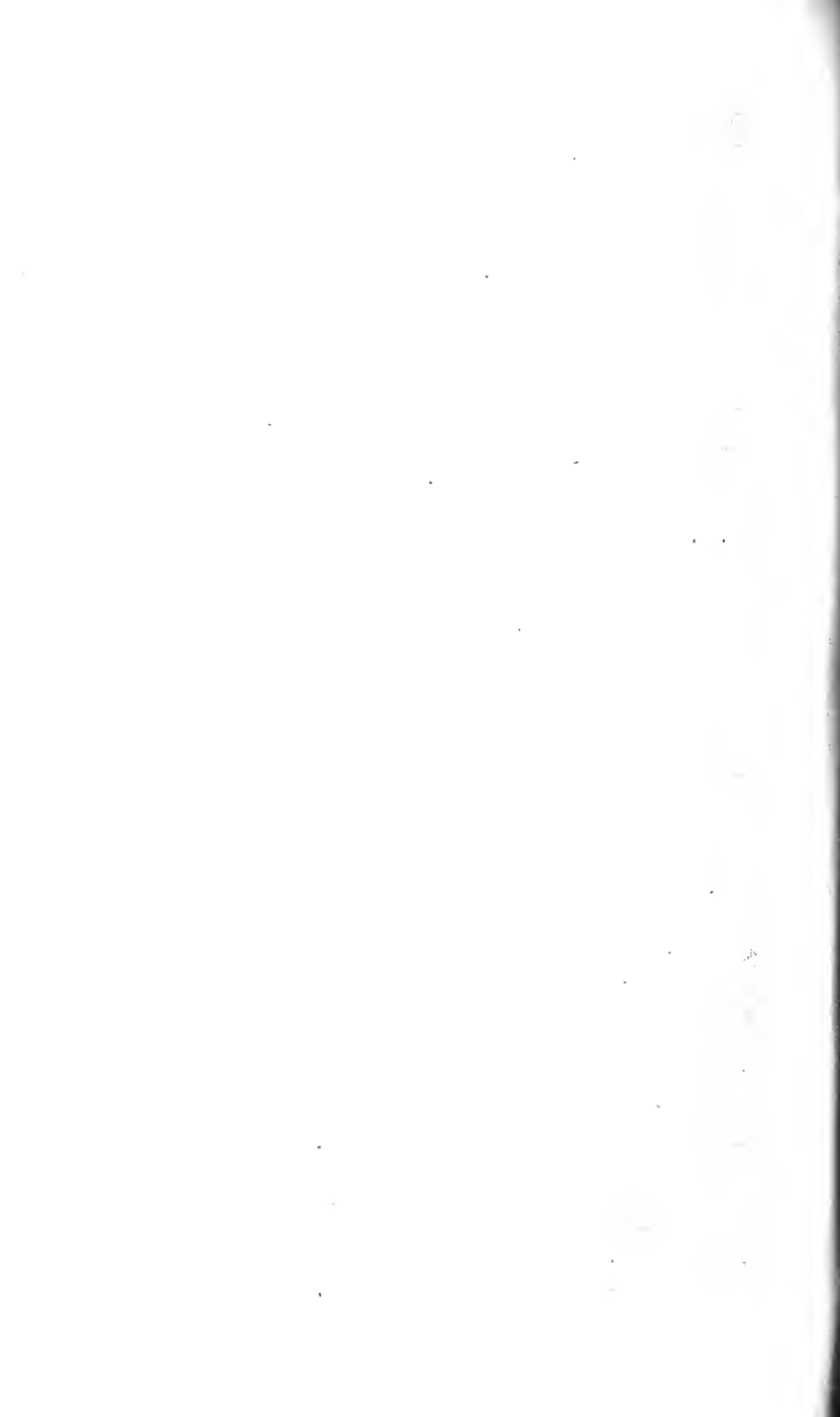
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Ste Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
1000 Ste. Anne St.
Detroit 16, Michigan
February 22, 1970.

Dear Bob:

Your letter reached me last week. I was glad to get caught up on the events and happenings in and around Toronto. We hardly ever hear much news from up there. One time when Father E.J. McCorkell was Superior General, he would call every few weeks and give us the news of all the houses. Of course those days are gone over the boards. I can hardly tell you what is going on at Assumption University or even at Catholic Central. Father Adrian Record was here the other night for supper. He was complaining about the lack of communication among the Basilians. He said one time Father William O'Toole complained to him that a priest at St. Mike's died and was buried and Father O'Toole never heard about it and he was stationed at St. Mike's at the time. Father Donald Mooney said, "Did you know Father O'Toole died last year", and Record jumped. He had never heard about it.

Well I spent a month in the hospital. I had a hernia operation first and after that a prostate operation. I feel fine now but a little weak for shouldering barrels of beef or swinging on the swings in the Park. I went to the doctor to ask about my arthritis and he ended up with these two operations. For my arthritis he suggested I take off fifty pounds and then come back. I did have a complete physical examination. Upper and lower G.I. cardiogram, cystoscopic and many X'rays. Afterwards I was



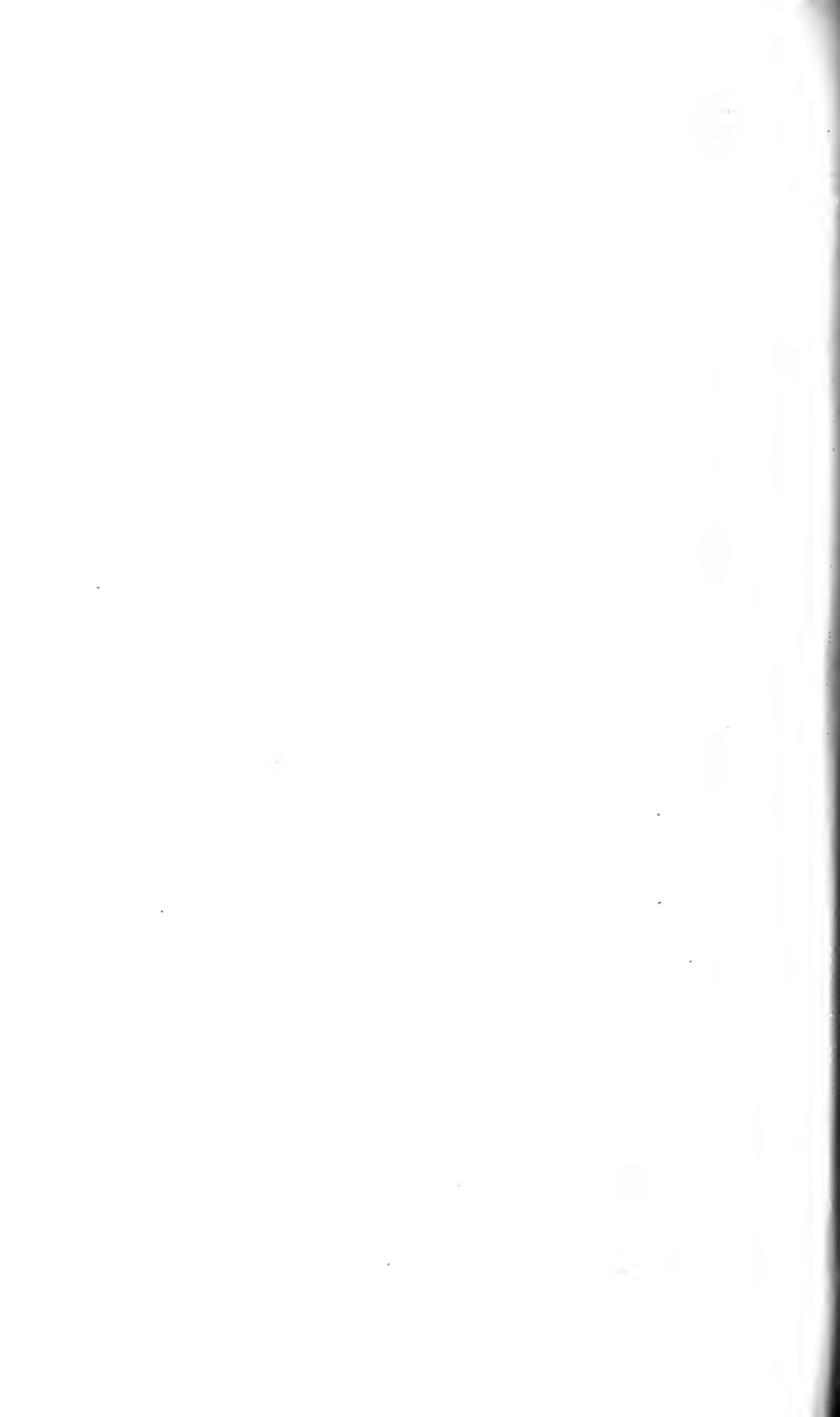
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February 22, 1970

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talking with one of the nurses and I said they examined everything but never mentioned my dandruff. She said you use "head and shoulders" for that. When I was in the recovery room and was just coming to I saw an awful lot of nurses going back and forth, I said to the nurse who was with me, "My there are an awful lot of nurses around here". She said oh yes we have a great number. I said there are more people here than we have at our Altar Society Meeting. She got a great kick out of it. Of course I didn't know what I was talking about at the time.

There is nothing new going on at Ste. Anne's. We are busy trying to encourage the people to be good for Lent. Father Mooney is kept busy. Our engineer had a heart attack, in fact he had a bad stroke and I doubt if he will be able to return to work again. Father Mooney has to look after the heating and boilerroom. Father Bob Ritz - in thought - still lives in some part of Europe. Most of his days are spent in France or Germany but lately he has taken an interest in Turkey. He must be planning a trip for the summer. Father John Ware is with us too. He is just champing at the bit to get into the New Mass. You have had it since the beginning of Advent but we only begin with Palm Sunday. Ware seems to work in little pieces of it each day with the children. ^{He} He should be an authority on it by the time we swing into it in earnest.

My sister is a nurse down home and I told her they did not remove the prostate but just did some whittling on it. I am on a 1000 calorie diet now. I have lost fifteen pounds but only one pound last week and yet the diet is the same as before. I guess I won't have to taken any



Matthew A. Killoran
February 22, 1970

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sulphur and molasses this Spring. My father always saw that we all took it for nine days in the Spring. It was a sort of Novena we had to make and we were not anxious to go through with it either. Of course there was no indulgence attached to taking it.

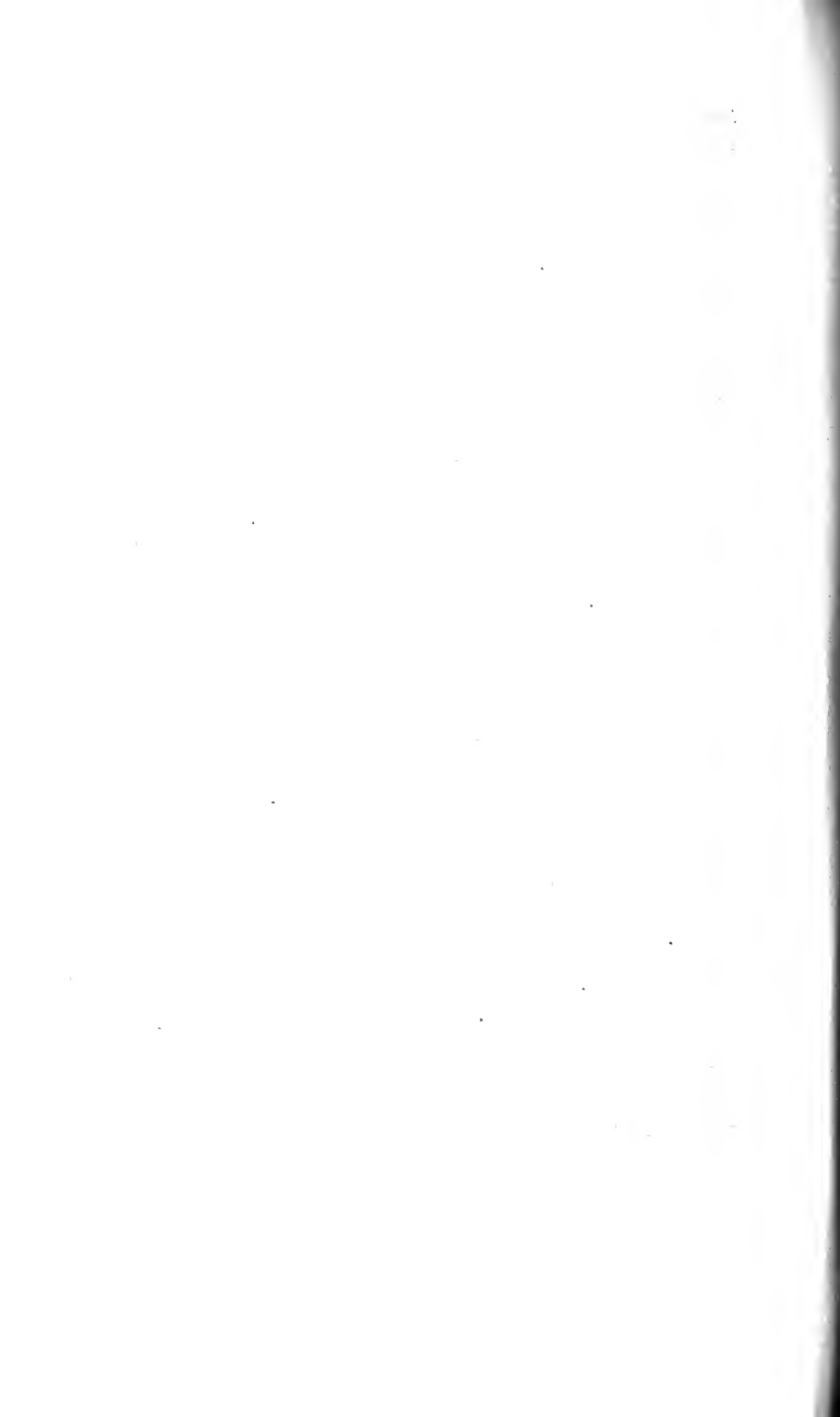
How is Father Ed. Young? Tell him that Frank Reynolds was in Mount Carmel Hospital about a few weeks before me. I think he had the same operation I had. At least he carried around a little bag with the tube attached. I asked permission to bring my bag back to Ste. Anne's for taking up the second collection. I didn't get permission.

Well Bob I guess I have given you a general idea about my operations. No doubt I could go into details and you would have a better notion of what I had done. However I feel great and I think I could almost take Father Florian Pacher on for a jog around Queen's Park. You can tell Rudy that I understand now what he went through and I am just beginning the diet that he is on. Say hello to any of my dear confreres and I may see you at the Island in the summer - if you go there.

Best to all,

Matt.

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Matthew A. Killoran
April 12, 1971

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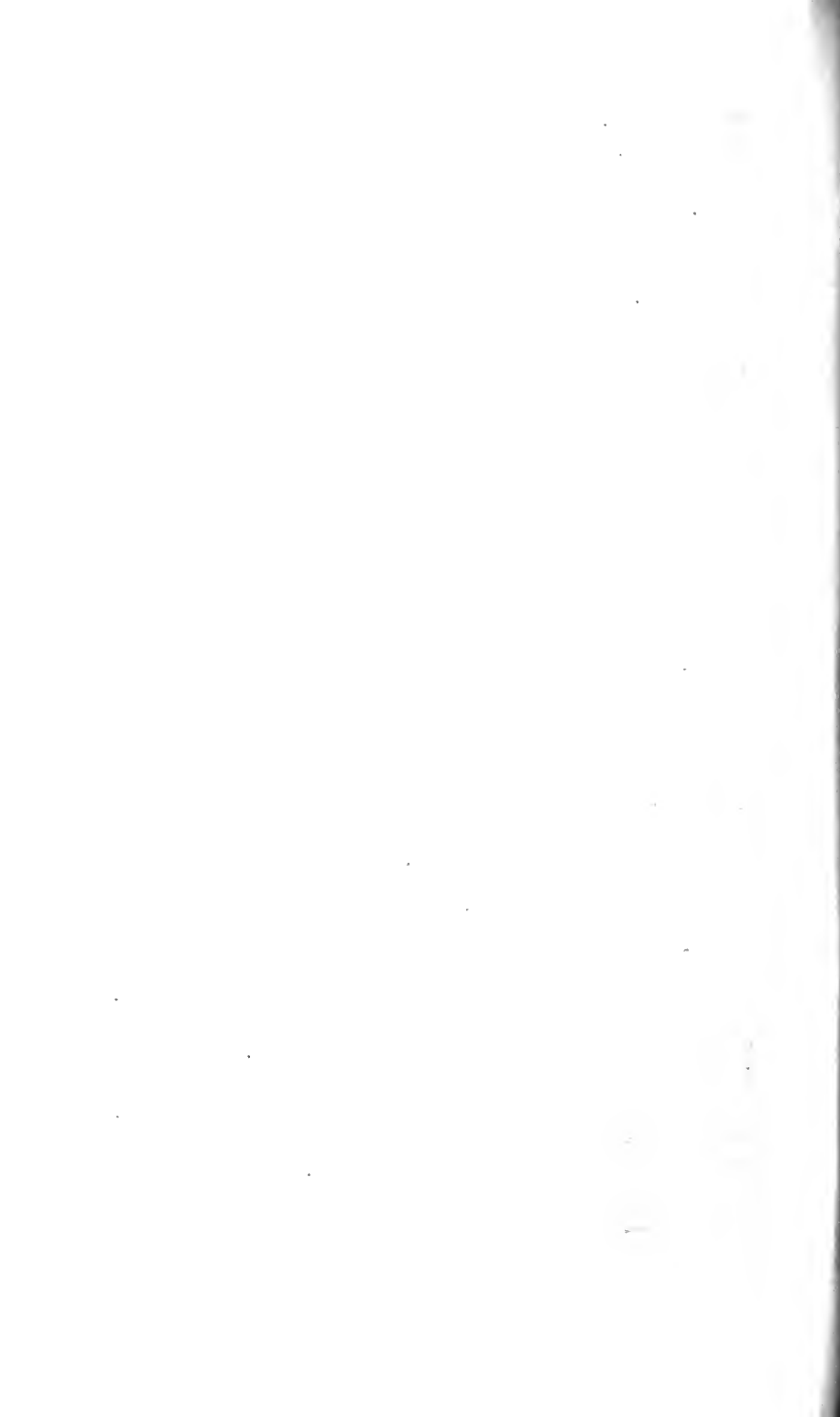
Ste. Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
1000 Ste. Anne Street
Detroit, Michigan 48216
April 12, 1971.

Dear Bob:

Your thoughtful letter and enclosure about Frank Halbus reached me last week. Also your card from Owen Sound came today. I was glad to hear all the news. I was overjoyed to read about Halbus. It brought back many happy days with Ed Hartmann that we spent at the Ontario College of Education. I can still see Hartmann stepping out of the line and shaking hands with me when I managed to crawl over the parallel bars. At that time I did not have to "put on a white coat to inspire me with confidence."

I nearly went up to Toronto yesterday with Father Bob Powers. He wanted me to go and come back tomorrow but I had an instruction with a convert and it was to be the last one and I hated to miss out on it. As it turned out she phoned me about an hour ago to tell me that she was sick and couldn't come. Now I wish I had gone.

There is not too much to tell you from here. We keep moving all the time but I am not sure how much we are actually accomplishing. Father Bob Ritz reminds me of Martha who is troubled about many things but one thing only is necessary. The big thing for him is to impress us with his knowledge of French and German. It seems we do not all have the same interest in these languages as he has. He is going over to Europe this year with his uncle. I am not sure how much territory



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April 12, 1971

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he will cover this year. He was over last year but apparently there are a few things he missed and he wants to cover them all.

Father Larry Carney lives here but teaches at St. Vincent's. I am not sure what his program will be next year. St. Vincent's school will close in June. He will be out of job there but he may have another school lined up.

Our school will close for good in June. We only have from Grade one to six now and there are only a hundred and some students in it. I hate to see the school close because it seems like a step backwards but it can't be helped. Holy Redeemer with about 900 students was going to close but I understand they are going to put on a big drive to collect money to pay the teachers. If the drive is successful they will keep it going for another year.

You should come down to Ste. Anne's some time and we will show you all the work that Father Don Mooney has put into the building. The church is warm day and night all winter. That is actually the first time in history. He covered the stained glass windows outside with a heavy protecting glass (vinyl I think). The kids can throw a fairly good sized stone against the glass and it will not break. Besides it keeps out the cold air which makes the church much warmer. Last week he installed a new speaking system. It is quite good and I am sure the priests will have to prepare their sermons better because the people will hear every word that is said.

Father Joe Pope went through here and did not cause much disturbance. He likes to come at the dead of night and then get out early in the



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April 12, 1971

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morning. He is always afraid that someone will see him. I couldn't get much news from him about Owen Sound. One year when he came back to Ste. Anne's from Texas he asked me to drive him to Windsor. I drove him over. He had two big club-bags. When we got to the other side of the bridge I knew the customs officer. It was St. Louis from LaSalle. I taught him at Assumption College. We had a great chat. He never asked any questions but as we were pulling away I said, "Boy am I glad you were on duty tonight. I have two bags full of cigarettes and whisky." He said, "You shouldn't smoke too many cigarettes, etc." Then I drove on. Joe was pale as a ghost. He gave me an awful lecture because the bags were filled with religious articles which he got in Houston and was going to sell them in Owen Sound. Actually there was no danger at all. I bet he won't trust me to take him over this time when he comes back from Houston.

Did Father John Glavin get enough tobacco? I sent him fifteen pound cans and that should do him until he comes from Strawberry Island. The last six cans I sent with Father Power yesterday.

Well Bob I will have to call it a day. I wanted to write you sooner but with all the Holy Week Services I did not have time to write any letters. Hope you are well and able to keep up with all the changes in the modern Church.

As ever,

Fr. ^Matt.

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Robert M. Fischette
January 21, 1969

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
January 21, 1969

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, csb
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto 5, Ontario

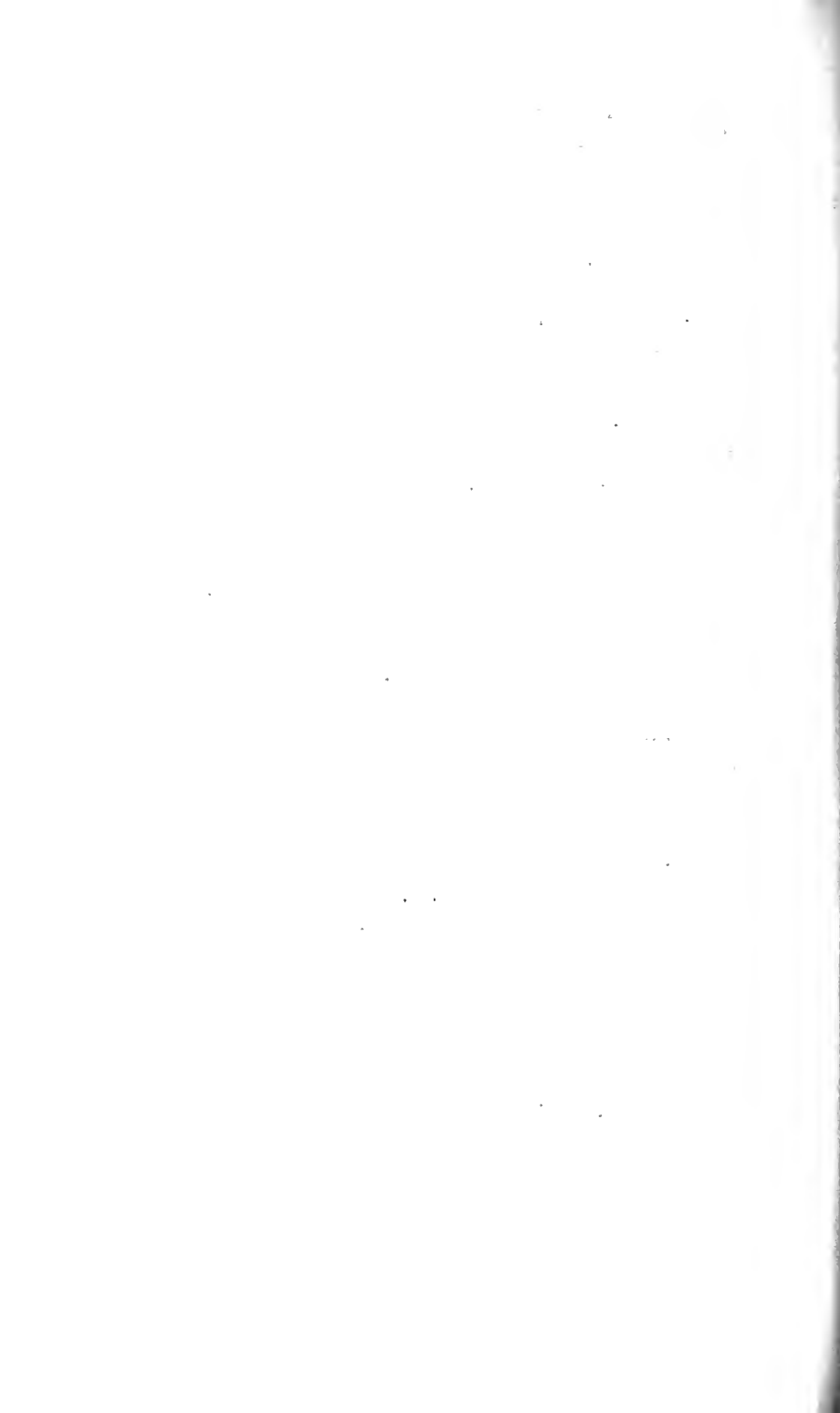
Dear Bob,

Thanks for your letter of January 16 with the copy of Jim Wilson's eulogy for Bucky Allnoch and also the new Canadian commemorative stamps. I read the eulogy and then put it on our bulletin board for the confreres to read. It is certainly a lot different from the usual funeral talk and gives good insights into Bucky's background and character.

The stamps are quite good - although I think they may have done better with a different color arrangement. I dare say Matt Mulcahy and all other curling aficionados are quite delighted with this tribute to the ancient sport. I know that you have occasion from time to time to use U.S. stamps; so I am sending a few with this letter.

I am glad to hear that Terry Forestell is getting along so well. I'm sure he did well with the co-reading of the Scriptures at the funeral of the former local crown attorney. I hope you wrote to Kevin Kirley about visiting his mother. I'm sure he would appreciate such news. I wrote to him before Christmas and also got a letter from him in return.

Sorry to hear about Jim McConica's father. It must be quite a shock to get such news.



Robert M. Fischette
January 21, 1969

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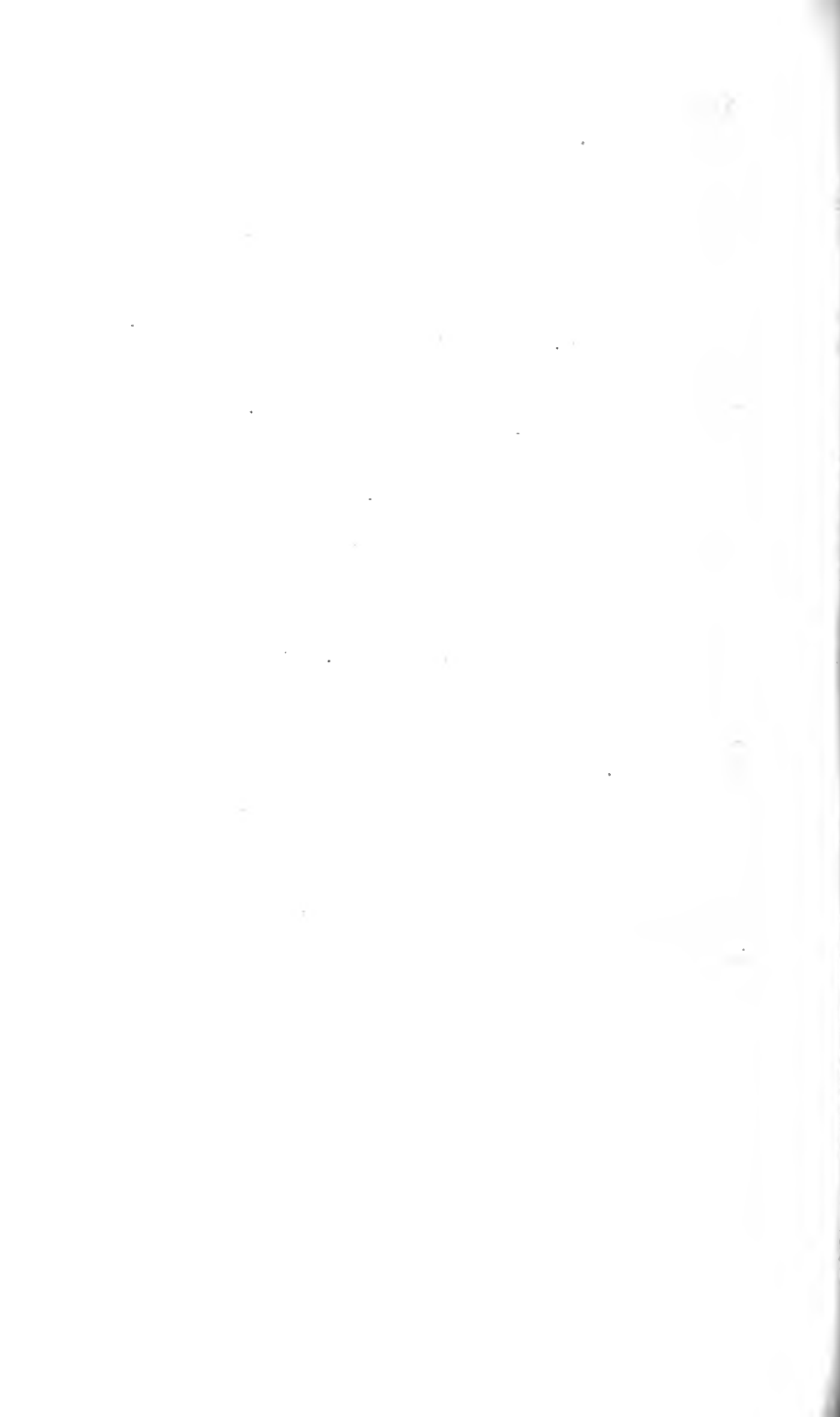
You mentioned that Pat Murphy was third in the Freshman course at St. Mike's. Apparently you do not know who was first in that course; none other than Juliet Fischette, my brother's daughter who started there last September. She is at St. Joseph's College and is perhaps even a better student than her dad who was right near the top all through St. Mike's back in the mid-nineteen-thirties. And if you ever run into Juliet at St. Jose's, say a "Hello" from Uncle Robert.

I hope all the confreres at the Seminary and College are well. I don't know how authentic it is, but Charlie Lavery informed us that Sam Femiano is seeking the route out of the Community and priesthood. If so, I'm not too surprised, because he changed a lot while he was in Paris - and I found it hard to convince him that he didn't know all the answers about formation.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bob Fischette, CSB

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Robert M. Fischette
February 25, 1969

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
Feb. 25, 1969

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your letter and also for the 1st day cover and stamps of Vincent Massey. I appreciate your taking the time and trouble to get them for me.

We didn't know about Father McCorkell's fall and bruising of ribs. I told Paul Broadhurst and it was news to him too. I hope Father McCorkell is feeling better.

How are things at the Seminary? It must be quite a conglomeration of people. When I saw Gerry Gregoire recently here at Fisher he seemed to be weathering the storm quite well.

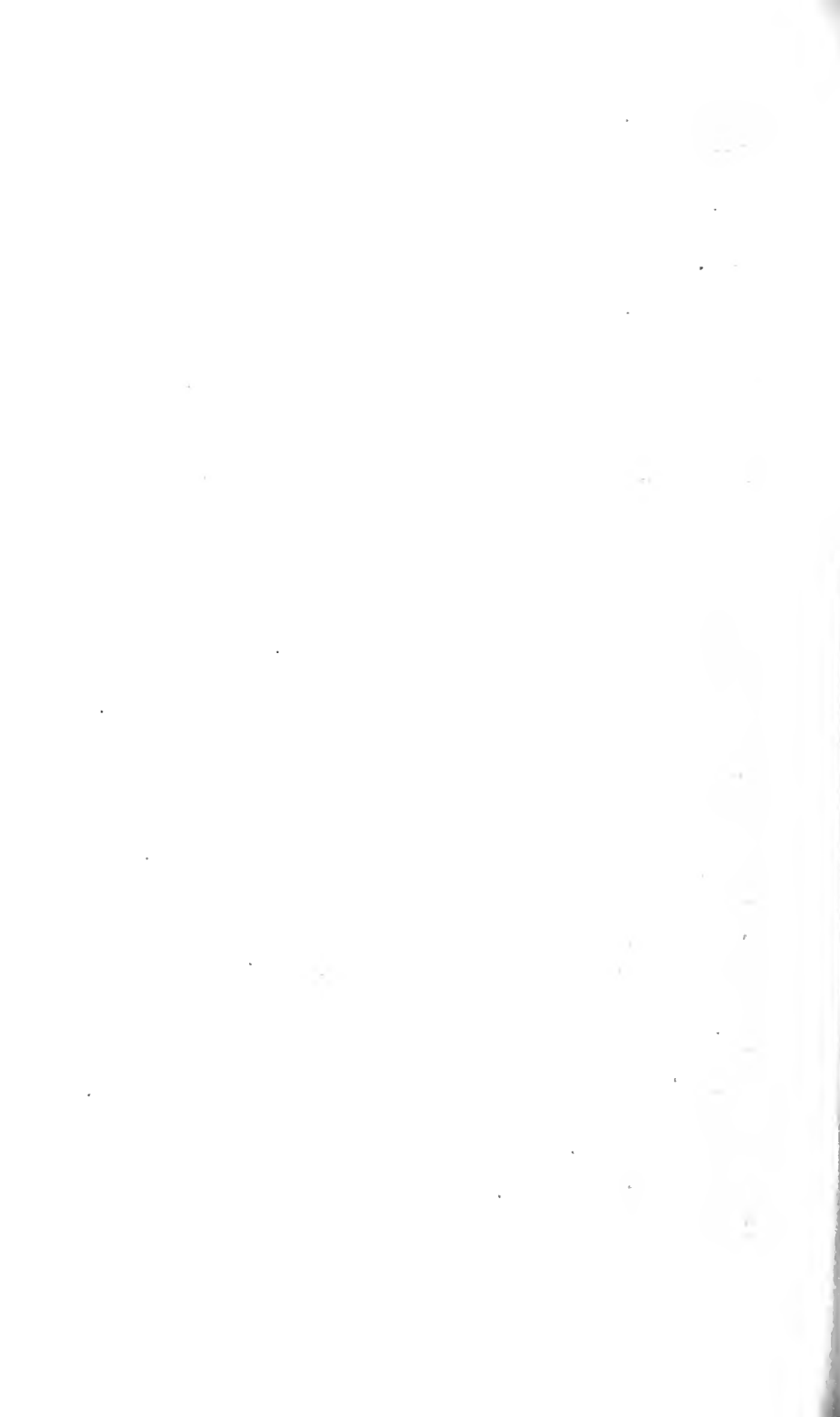
My niece came home for a few days during the reading week last week; so I had dinner at their home.

I have "stayed put" pretty well this year. However tomorrow I'm going to an Education Conference in Chicago - until Saturday. In addition, Paul Broadhurst and I may come to Toronto one of these weekends. We've been talking about the possibility for a month or so. My teaching seems to be going quite well. I had a physcial last week and I did ok, but Dr. O'Malley keeps asking if I am overworking. Maybe my cardiogram was not quite as good as it should be.

Again many thanks. Best regards to Gerry and all the confreres.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bob Fischette, CSB



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March 8, 1969

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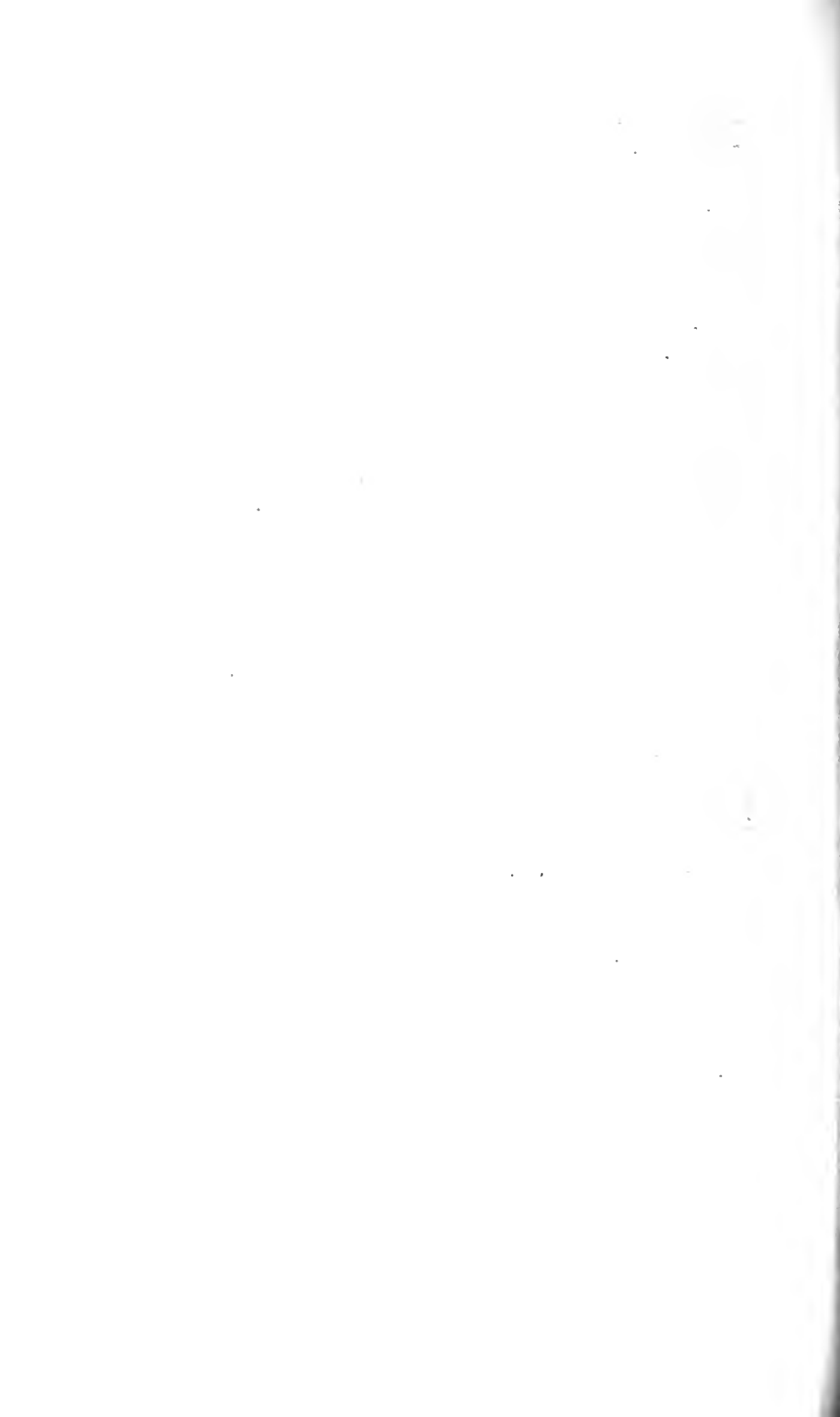
St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
March 8, 1969

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, csb
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto 5, Ontario

Dear Bob,

Before I say anything else, I had better explain the reason for the enclosed money, namely \$2.00. It is for the new "Surzor-Cote" 50 cent issue which will be released at the Canadian Post-offices on March 14. If you have the opportunity to visit a Post Office on that day or shortly thereafter, would you mind getting me a block of four of them? I don't know if I'll keep all four because Bill Secrist is always interested in Canadian stamps too. It is a special stamp honouring Aurele de Foy Suzor-Cote, a Canadian painter born 100 years ago and depicts a painting entitled: "Return from the Harvest Field".

Well, Father E.J. McCorkell finally returned to Fisher and seems glad to be back. Don't get me wrong - I'm sure he has already planned his next trip. However, seriously, I don't think he is in very good health. His wrist is still a bit swollen from his fall in Toronto; and he says he does not remember falling or getting up. We are just wondering if he might not have had a bit of a black-out before he fell - or even a bit of a stroke. At times, especially in the morning, his speech is somewhat slurred. I don't think he wants this published abroad; so just take what I am saying as guess-work and somewhat confidential.



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March 8, 1969

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I returned from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education covention in Chicago a week ago. It was an excellent convention, marred only by the fact that American Airlines went on strike; and we had to wait a day and come back on United Airlines as soon as they could take the extra load. Only United and American come to Rochester from Chicago. We also have Mohawk here, but it does not go to Chicago. So you can imagine the pileup of American Airline ticket holders who tried to get accommodations on United!

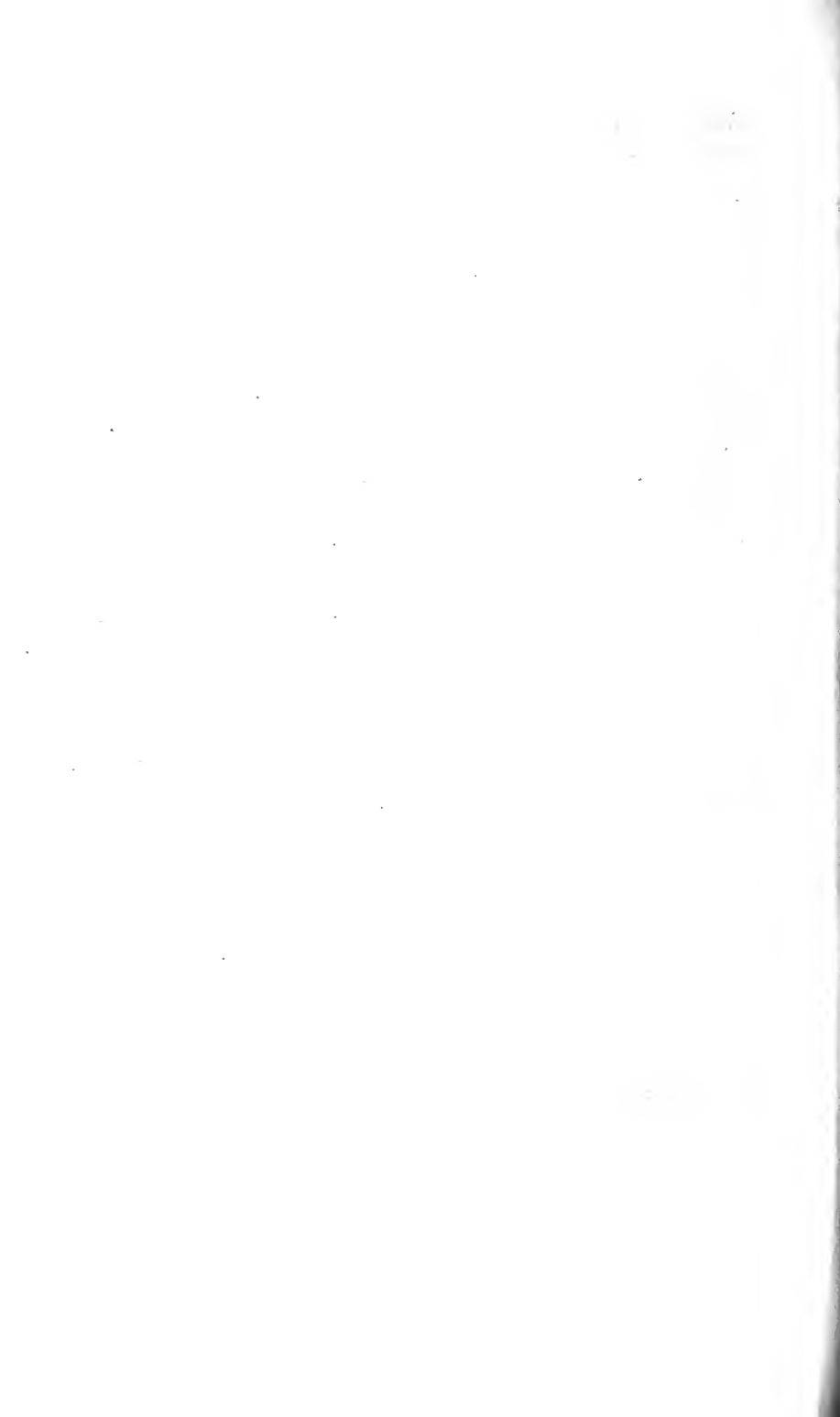
Last night we all went to Aquinas for dinner - to celebrate the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. It was a fine dinner and a wonderful get-together. On the rare occasions when we do get together, we have a fine time and everybody says: "We should do this more often!" - and then promptly proceed not to think about it again for months.

I hope you have been well. Outside of a short day visit with Bill Young a few weeks ago, we have not seen hide nor hair of anyone from the Curia - and that includes our Regional Rep.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bob Fischette, CSB

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Robert M. Fischette
March 19, 1969

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
March 19, 1969

Dear Bob,

We had a good trip back to Rochester on Monday. When I arrived here, I saw your registered letter with the new Suzor-Coté stamp. Thanks for taking the time and trouble to get them as well as for the first day cover. I'll have you converted to stamp collecting before long!

I'm glad you had a successful trip to Montreal to buy those books. Bargains like that don't come along too often. Sorry you were not as successful finding Father Jean Crespin's grave.

Again, many thanks. I told Paul Broadhurst that you had half promised to pay us a visit in the not too distant future. So start making plans.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bob Fischette, CSB

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Robert M. Fischette
June 18, 1969

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
June 18, 1969

Dear Bob,

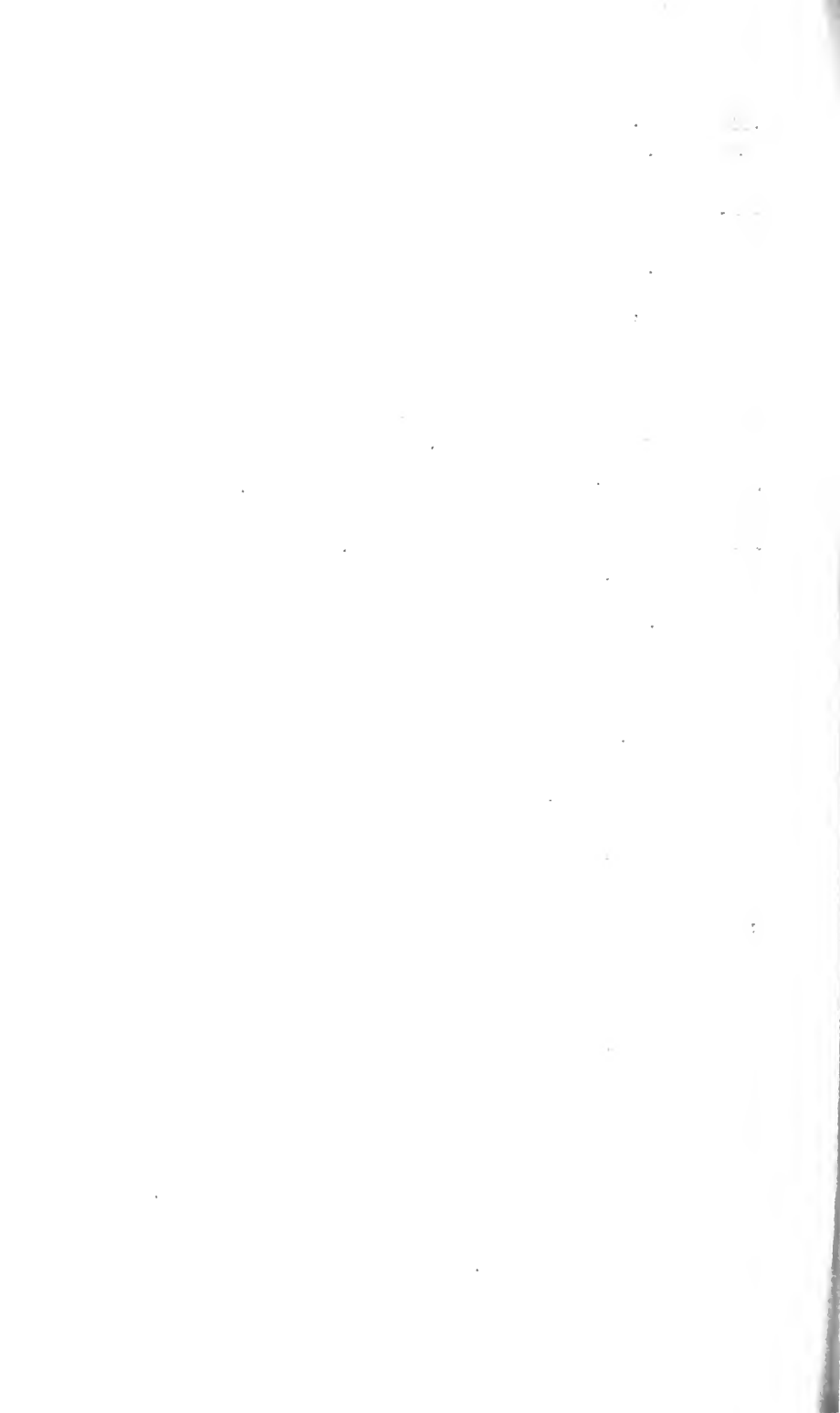
Thanks for your letter of June 6, together with the commemorative that came out while you were galavanting around Texas. Thanks also for the postal card from Texas.

Jim Magee was in town the other day. He visited at Fisher one day when I was at a funeral - that of my sister-in-law's father. So I missed seeing him. I hear that he is on his way up to Strawberry Island - of all places! That's one place I'm sure he will never see you - unless you have changed your opinion about that, after all these years.

Yesterday, Sam Femiano was here at Fisher to see Paul Broadhurst and/or Leo Sands about some Theology texts. I just caught a glimpse of him in the hallway - and assumed he would be here for dinner. But he didn't stay for dinner; so I never got a chance to even say "hello".

You surprise me when you state that Phocion Park will actually finish his thesis by the end of the summer. I hope you are right. As for Brian Inglis and his Volkswagon - "enough is enough". Both you and I - as well as everybody else in the Community - know that he will never finish his thesis. And even if he does - then what? I can just picture Bob Miller or the Chariman of any of our Philosophy Departments, rushing to grab him for their Dept.!

I am spending my full time interviewing transfer students for Fisher. These include students who



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had been here before (wut withdrew for various reasons), students from the Community Colleges, and students transferring from any other college or university. It keeps me busy all day, five days a week. What a way to spend the summer! However, I don't mind keeping busy.

We made our Retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua last week - just 17 of us from Fisher (all but Charlie Lavery, John Cavanaugh and Bob Miller). We did not have a preacher - but we had some very good dialogues. It was a good retreat, as far as I am concerned. Where will you make yours?

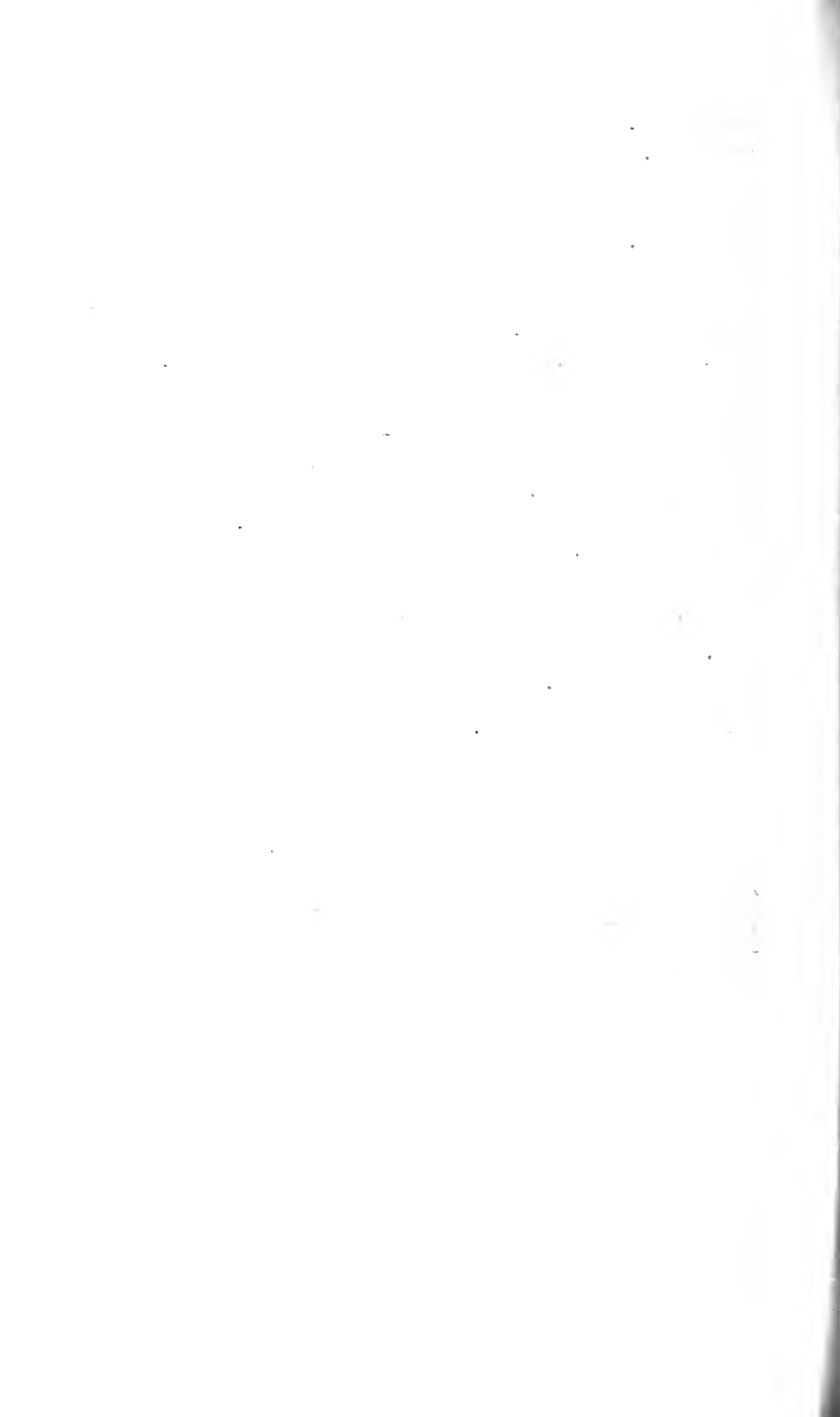
I don't even know when I'll take some vacation yet. I might come to Toronto and/or the Island for a few days.

Best regards to all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bob Fischette, CSB

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June 30, 1969

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
June 30, 1969

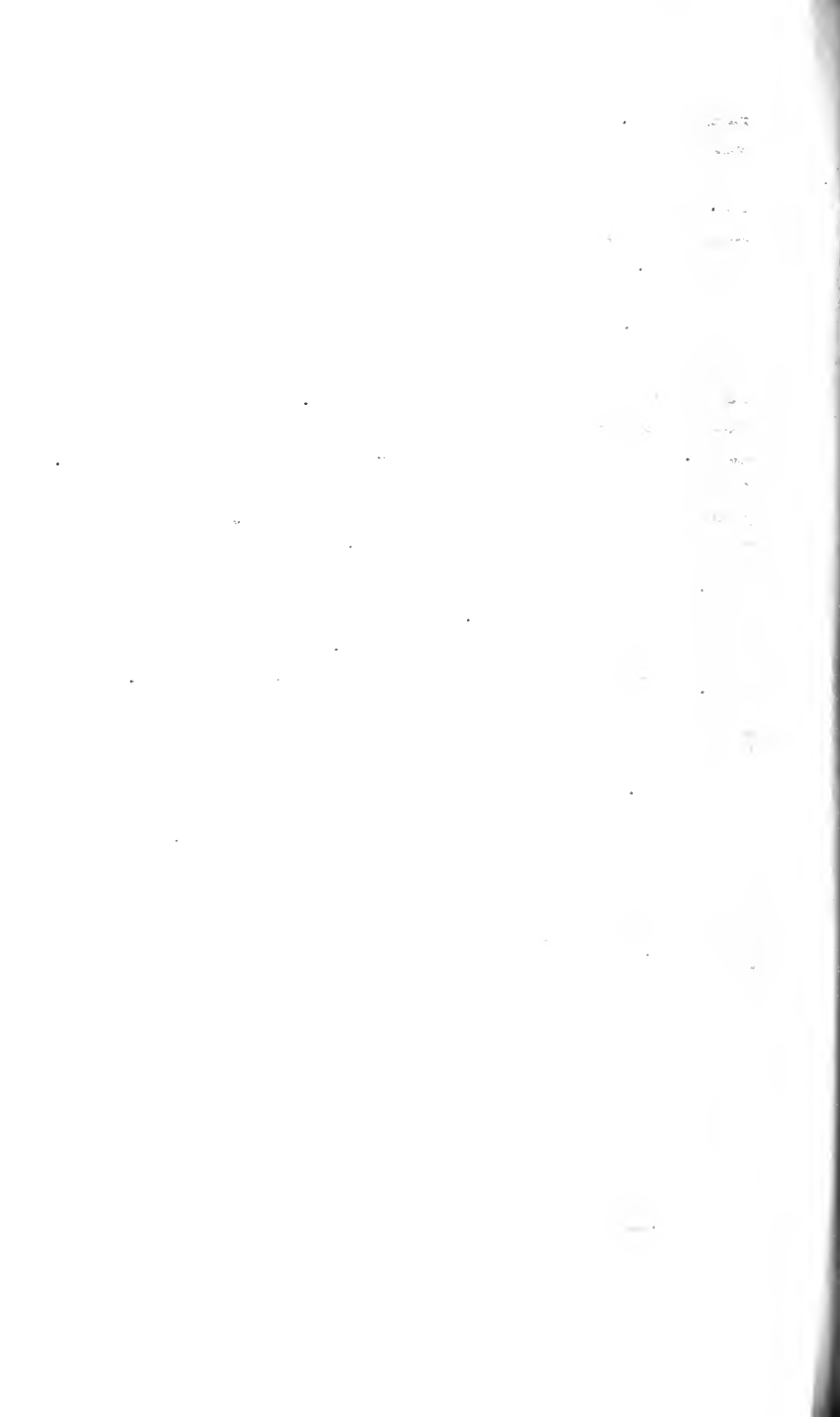
Dear Bob,

Glad to hear from you again; and thanks for the new "Sir William Osler" stamps. They are rather well done - nothing extraordinary about their size, shape or engraving - but OK just the same. I am enclosing some "compensatory" US stamps - which may encourage you to come over to visit us at Fisher for a few days.

Yes, we are expecting Cardinal Flahiff on Wednesday of this week. Apparently, he will be addressing the Sisters of St. Joseph on Friday so he will be with us until then, at least. I don't know if Charlie is planning anything unusual in his honor. If he is, we have not heard of it. Maybe the Cardinal prefers it that way.

Your library report is quite impressive. It does seem a bit unfortunate that there must be as many duplications as there are; but you are quite correct when you say that a person will use a book if it lies within reach, but will not walk a few hundred feet to get such a book. And that is why duplication is necessary, in many instances. The number of loans to borrowers from outside the Seminary is especially impressive. It must mean that a lot of people at St. Mike's must be using your library - which puts an extra burden on the Seminary Library staff, of course.

Summer school begins today. Our registration is quite a bit down from last year. It may be necessary to drop some of the courses that were



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June 30, 1969

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scheduled to be offered. I hope it is not too many, because there are a lot of transfer students who are depending upon making up course work and credits in the summer session.

I am continuing to interview transfer students daily. If this keeps up, before September comes around, we may have approximately 125-150 transfer students starting here in the Fall Semester. They are from all over - Monroe Community College, Finger Lakes College, Auburn, Buffalo, Syracuse, New York, northern New York State, out-o-state, etc. I even conduct interviews by long-distance telephone. Sometimes these interviews last 45 minutes or more - but the students pay for it, stating that it is still cheaper to have the interview this way than coming hundreds of miles personally.

Best regards to you and to all,

Sincerely in Christ,

Bob Fischette, CSB

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Robert M. Fischette
July 2, 1969

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
Date, July 2, 1969

Memo To Father Robert Scollard

I received my copy of Topical Times in the mail a couple of days ago and they printed the first of my series on Spanish stamps and Spanish artists. I've already submitted the one on Goy and that will be in the Sept-Oct issue. I thought you might enjoy looking over this one on Velazquez. (Naturally, I made a few xerox copies of this article!)

From Bob Fischette, CSB

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Robert M. Fischette
July 9, 1969

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Dear Bob,

My dad and I are taking a little trip around eastern N.Y. State. We stayed here at the Trinkaus Manor Motor Lodge a couple of days, saw the Oriskany Battlefield. This afternoon we'll go on to Auriesville for a couple of days.

Bob F.

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August 19, 1969

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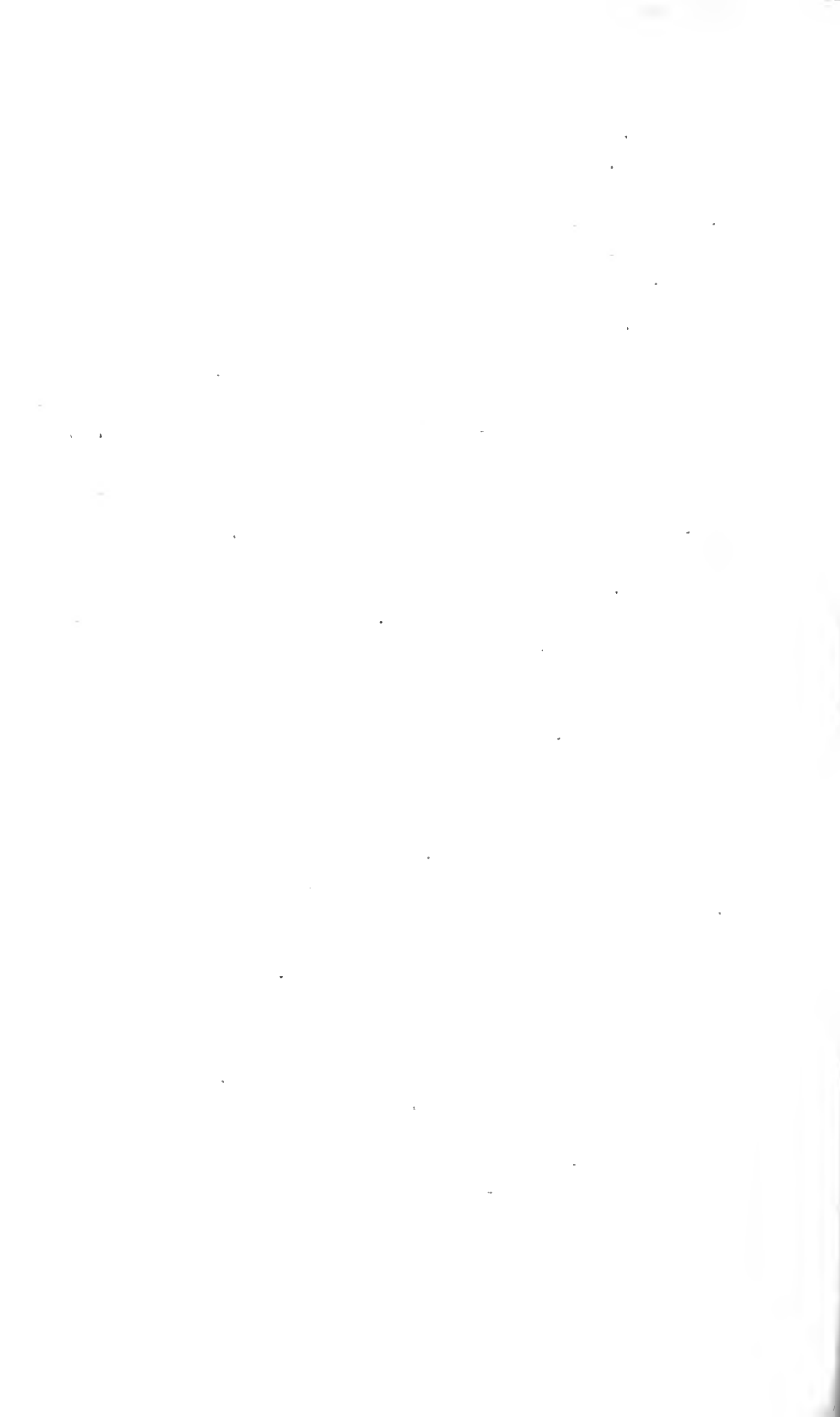
St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
Aug 19, 1969

Dear Bob,

Thanks again for the letter and news, and also for the block of six new Canadian commemoratives. They are well done. I'm returning six new U.S. stamps (Alabama commemoratives) which are a bit too gaudy, although they do have a bird also.

Well, it looks as though the new St. Mike's library will be ready to swing into action in September. I'm glad to hear Harry Gardner is enthused and working hard. I also hope the enthusiasm lasts. He is such a capable person; but it does look as though he will always begin looking for greener pastures. I'm sure the library at St. Thomas University in Houston will become one h... of a mess with "guess who" in charge. John McManus was here for a few weeks (as was also Haffey earlier) and they both are afraid for the library, since Sheehan is practically always out around town. You could do St. Thomas University a favour by dropping a "bug" in the ears of Bill Young and/or Father Wey when you get the opportunity.

I'm glad to hear Vince Reinsborough may get post-doctoral fellowship; but I am chagrined to hear he can't get a teaching post, especially since Fisher or St. Thomas University would each be able to use him so much! Our science dept. here has a staff that really does research projects - often with sizeable grants from government. So why not? Or is he opposed to teaching in a traditionally Basilian institution?



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August 19, 1969

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Hope you have been well. Most people are away here this week. Gary Poupore has picked out his apartment on or off East Avenue - somewhere where he will live in splendid isolation and teach at Fisher.

Sincerely

Bob Fischette, CSB

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Robert M. Fischette
September 4, 1969

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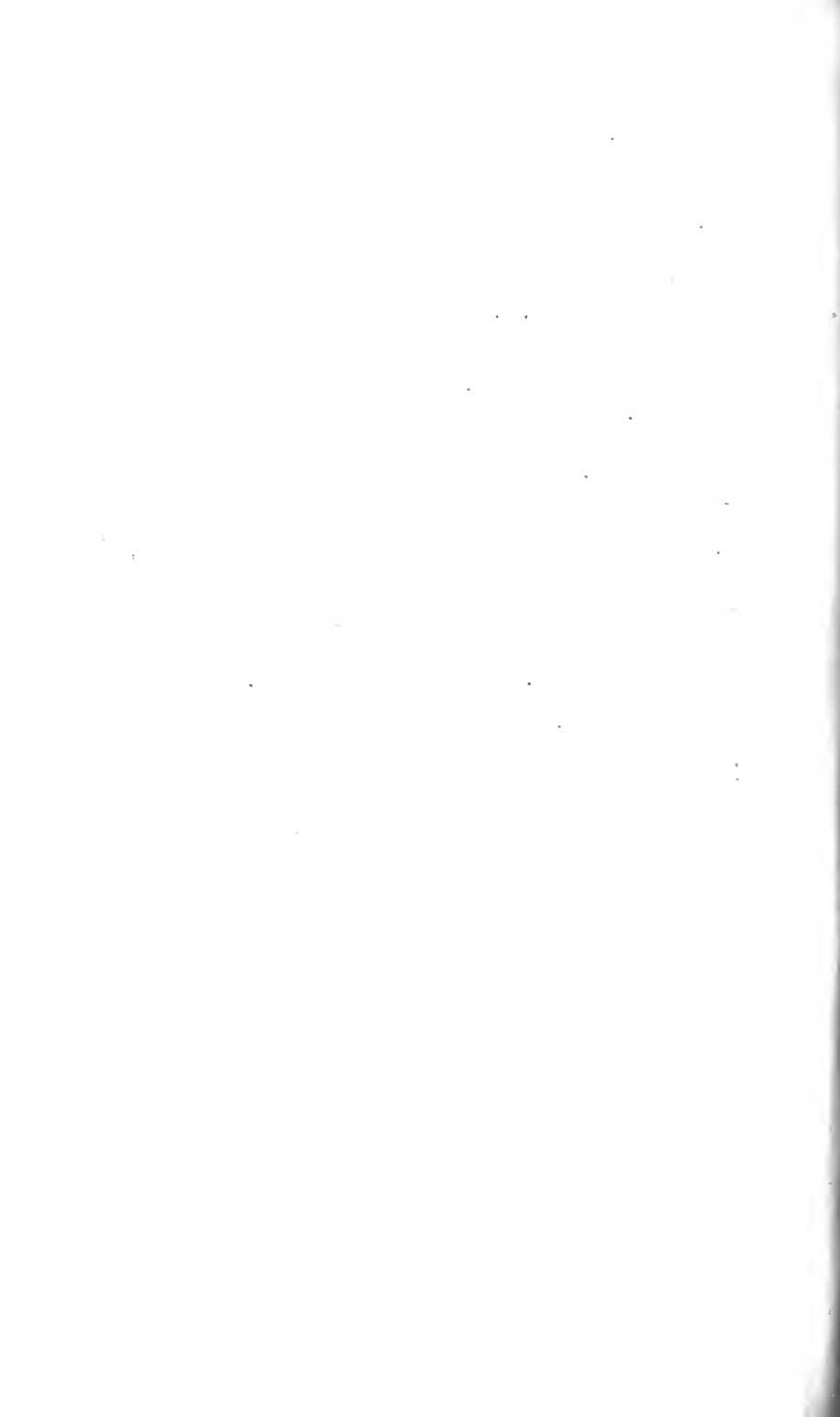
St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
Date: September 4, 1969
Memo To: Fr. R.J. Scollard, CSB

This is my article (or part of it) on Goya and Spanish stamps. It was a rather lengthy article; so they decided to print half of it in this issue and then the second half in the next issue. I'm glad they decided to do this because I had sort of promised to have a third article on El Greco by the next issue. I've been so busy this summer that I didn't get a chance to finish it. Maybe I will get it to them in a month or so. However, even that may be tough, because I have a rather heavy schedule, this 1st semester.

Best regards.

From: Bob Fischette, CSB

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Robert M. Fischette
September 29, 1969

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
Sept. 29, 1969

Dear Bob,

Thanks for the letter and the block of the new Brock commemorative stamp. I might add that the coloring is soft and the engraving excellently delicate. It is one of the best of the Canadian stamps commemorating an historic person, in my opinion at least.

Thanks also for the news regarding the Toronto houses. It is amazing how little we (out here in the provinces) know about other houses, including Toronto.

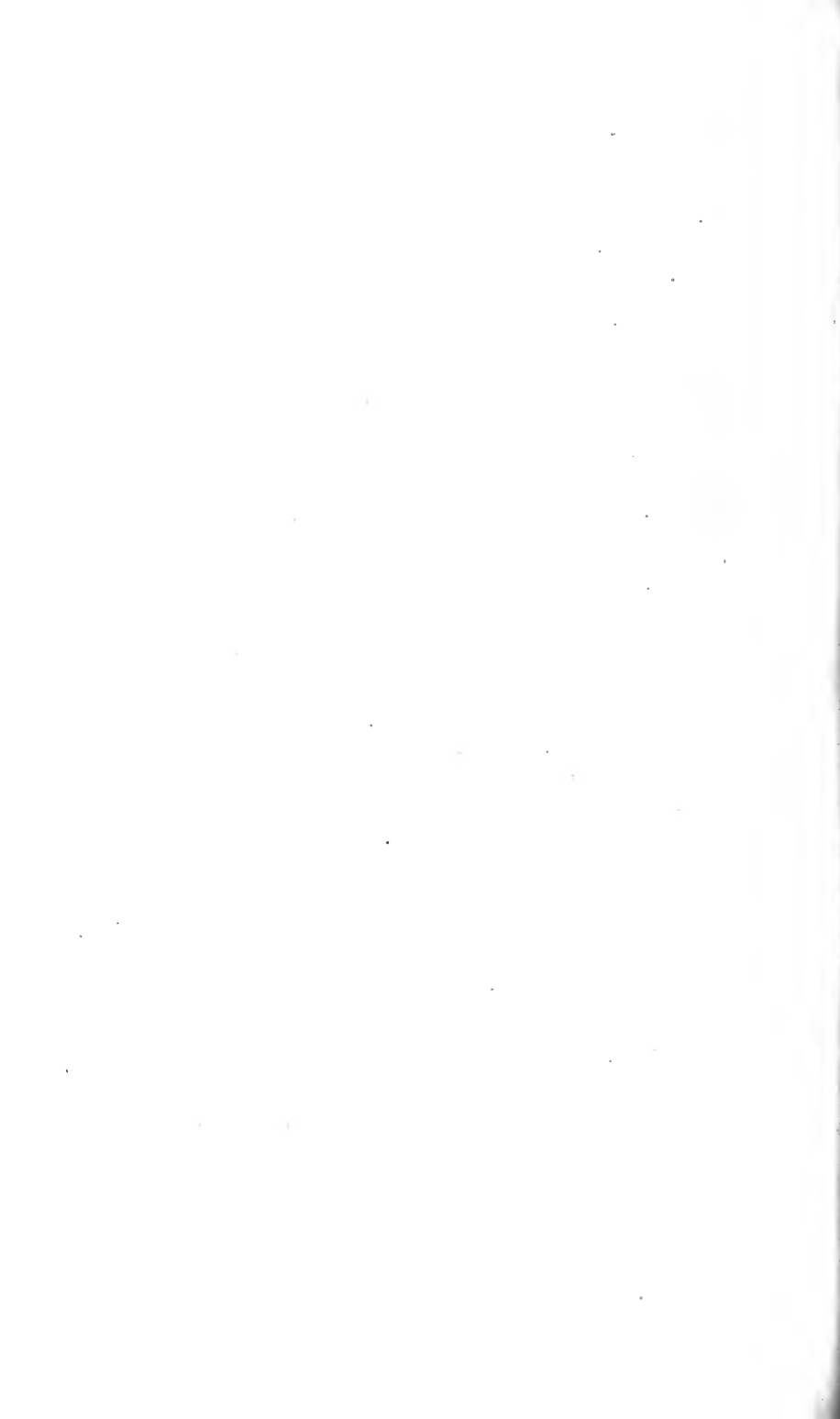
I'm keeping quite busy teaching, etc. Not much news on the local horizon. We have occasional visitors, e.g. Msgr. Joe Ryan on his way from Boston ot Toronto, Bill Gibbons for a couple of days, Ed Bader for one night, George (and Paul) Freemesser for one night. George has developed some tremendous ideas on the priestly-religious life. Basically, they hinge upon faith and trust in God, on prayer life, on common prayer, etc. - all of which have either gone or are going fast among our priests.

My best regards to Jerry Gregoire and all the confreres. Included in this letter are some U.S. stamps you may be able to use on one or your rare visits to Rochester or some U.S. city.

Sincerely in Christ

Bob Fischette, CSB

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Robert M. Fischette
November 7, 1969

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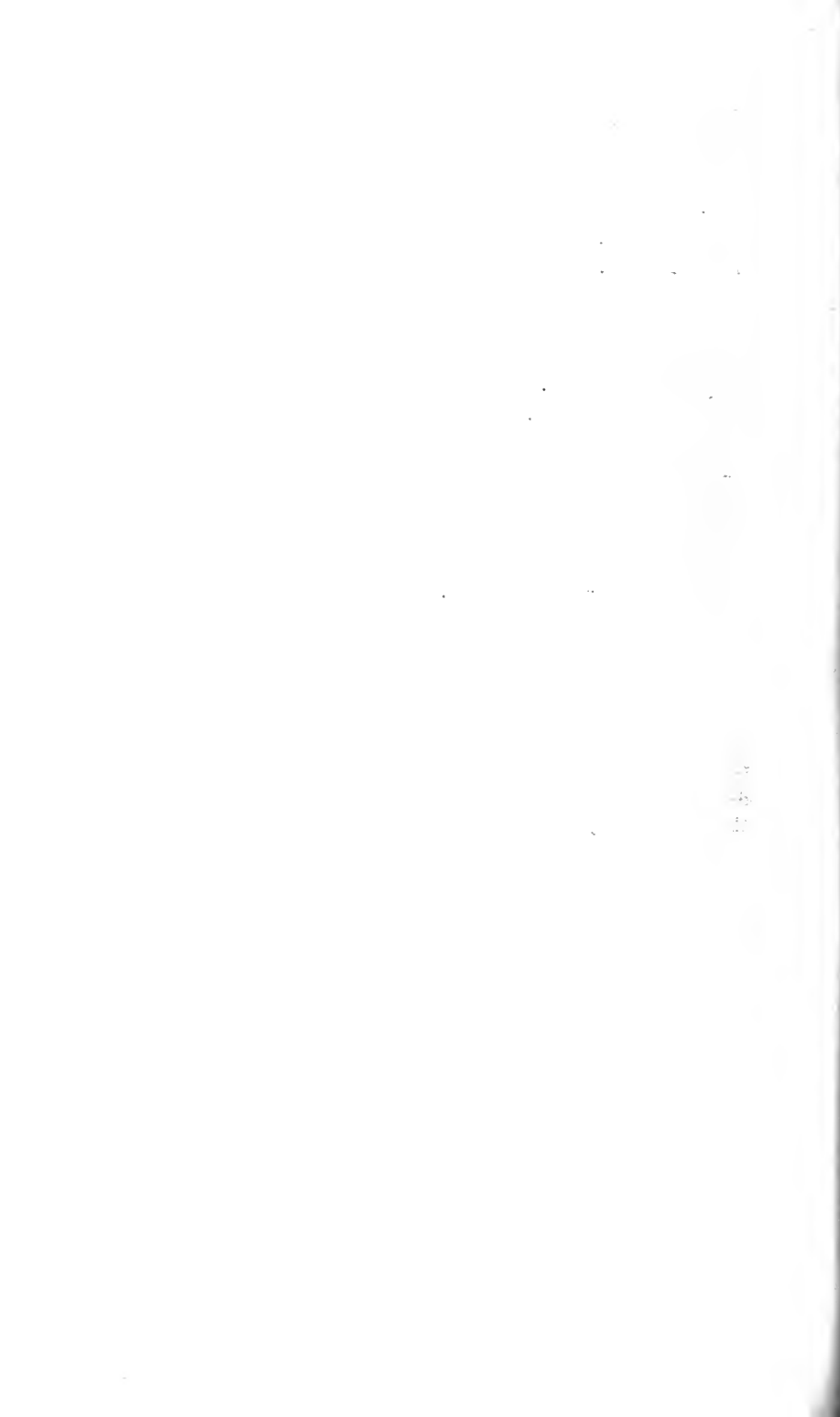
St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
Date: Nov. 7 1969
Memo to: Bob Schllard

Another in my series of articles in Topical Time magazine. This is the 2nd of the 3-part series on Goya. They did the Velazquez in one issue; but they are using three issues for my longer article on Goya. I'm glad it's taking three issues, because I started the article on El Greco last summer, got quite abit of it done, but I have never had a chance to complete it this fall - too busy.

Hope you have been well.

From: Bob Fischette, CSB

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December 2, 1969

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Rochester, New York 14618
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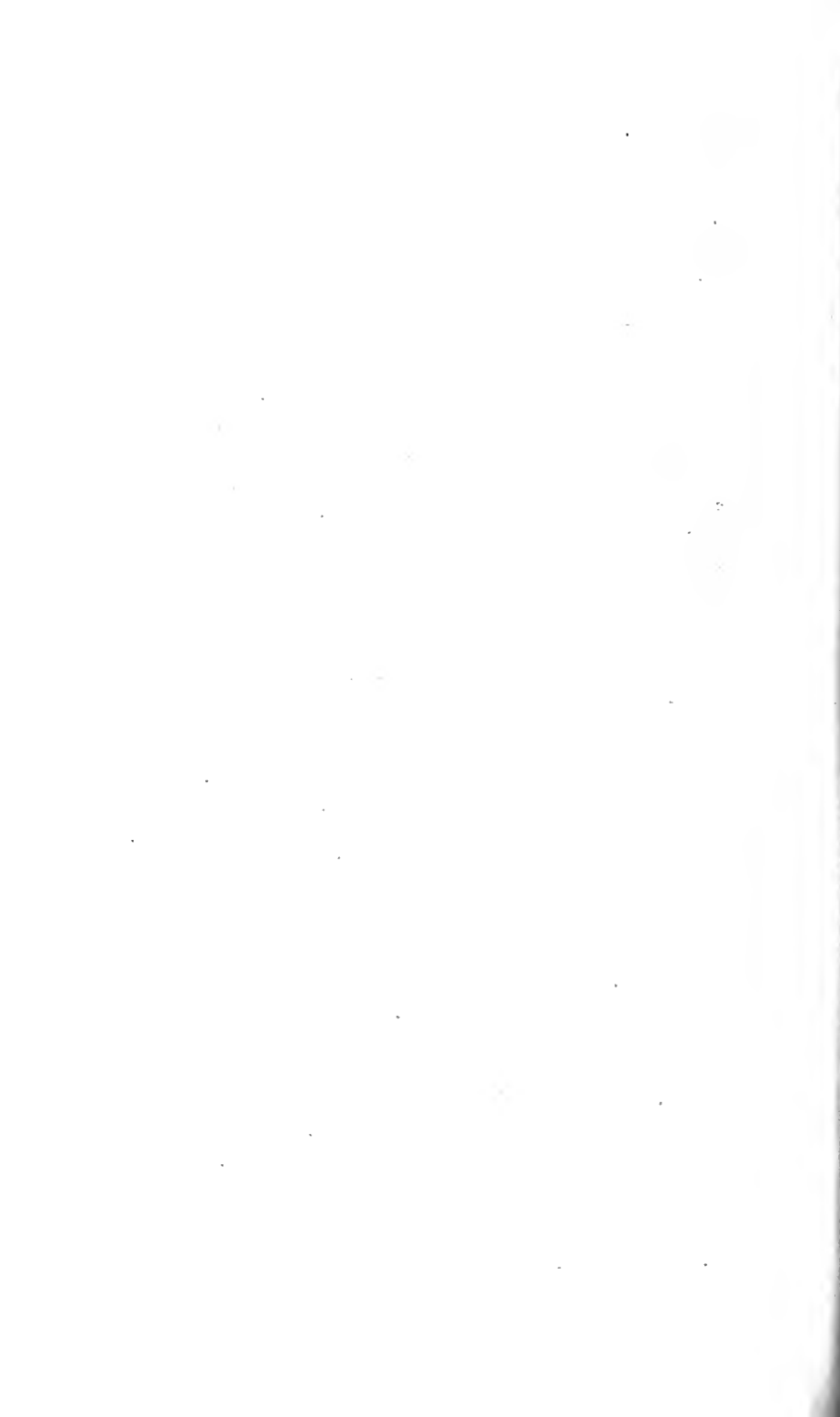
Dear Bob,

Congratulations on the publication of your Directory of the Basilian Priests. I just saw it for the first time last night. I was not able to read it all, but read enough to realize what a fine job you've done. I'm sure it's been quite a bit of work. (I hope you didn't have too much trouble twisting John Glavin's arm to pry loose some of that money he has raised!)

Incidentally, thanks for the plug. I noted that you referred to my M.A. thesis in your write-up of Father Bellisle.

Thanksgiving last week was a welcome relief - the first we have had since September. However, we are right back at it again. From now until the end of January I'll be very, very busy. In addition to my usual work, I'll be out almost every day observing our student teachers in the public schools. We have 20 of them student teaching all day. They began yesterday and go until Feb. 1st - right through exams here, since they take no other exams. From September to now they have taken two telescoped courses in Educational Psychology and Principles of Education, but they've written their finals in those just before Thanksgiving. So now they teach full time for over eight weeks. Whew!

We got clobbered with eight inches of snow Sunday and Monday. It was windy and blustery too. Today it is bright sunshine.



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December 2, 1969

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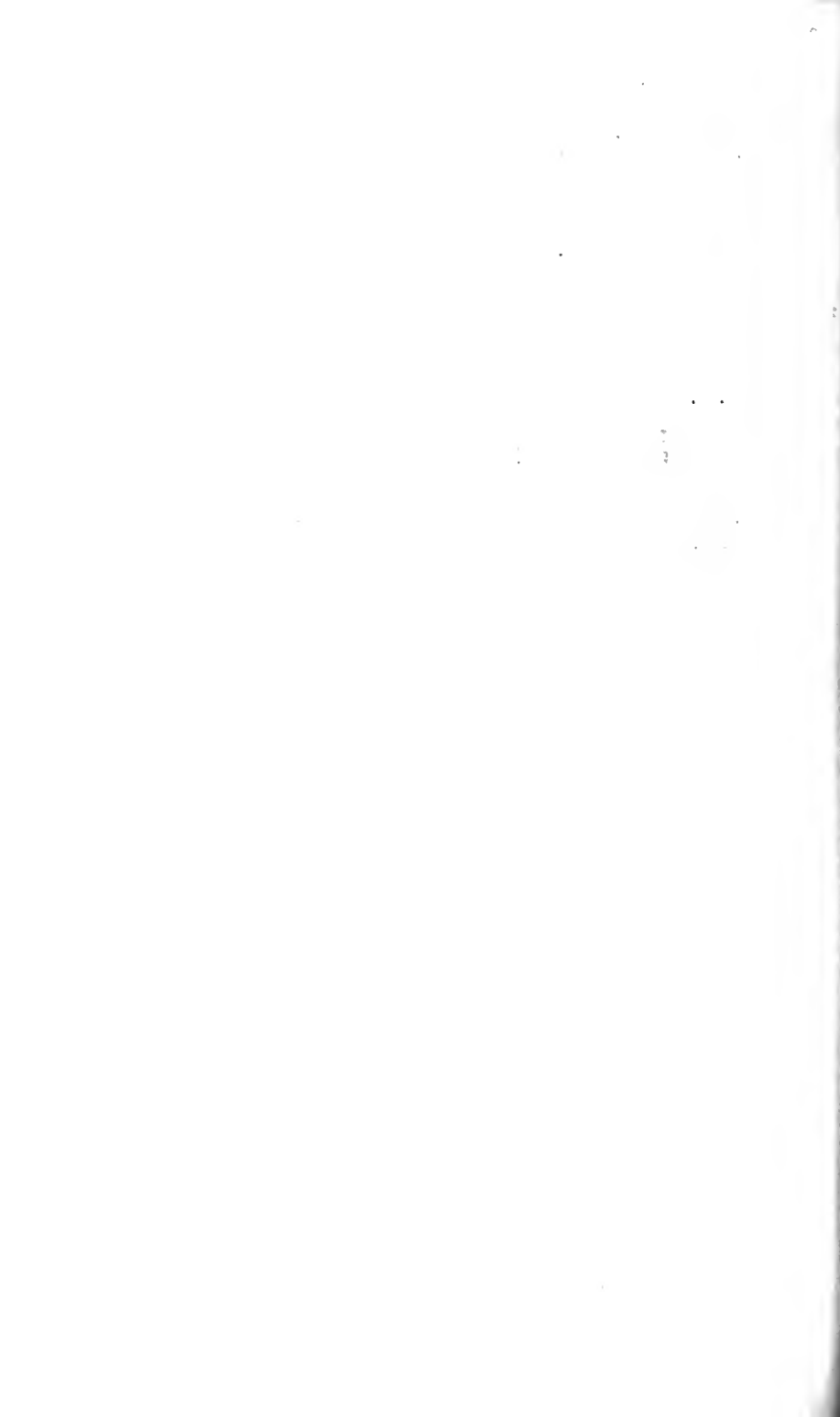
How have you been? Hope all goes well at the
Seminary too.

Sincerely

Bob Fischette, CSB

P.S. Any chance for an autographed copy of
the Directory? I would be glad to pay
for it too!

(Transcribed from the original, interleaved
in a copy of the Dictionary of Basilian Bio-
graphy)



Robert M. Fischette
February 2, 1970

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
Feb. 2, 1970

Dear Bob,

I didn't get an opportunity to check on Slant until this morning. We do get this journal and have been getting it since its beginning in 1965. We have all back issues except the first four. Our bound volume starts with Vol. I, No. 5. Why this is so, I don't know unless Freddie Black was unable to get back copies of the 1st four numbers.

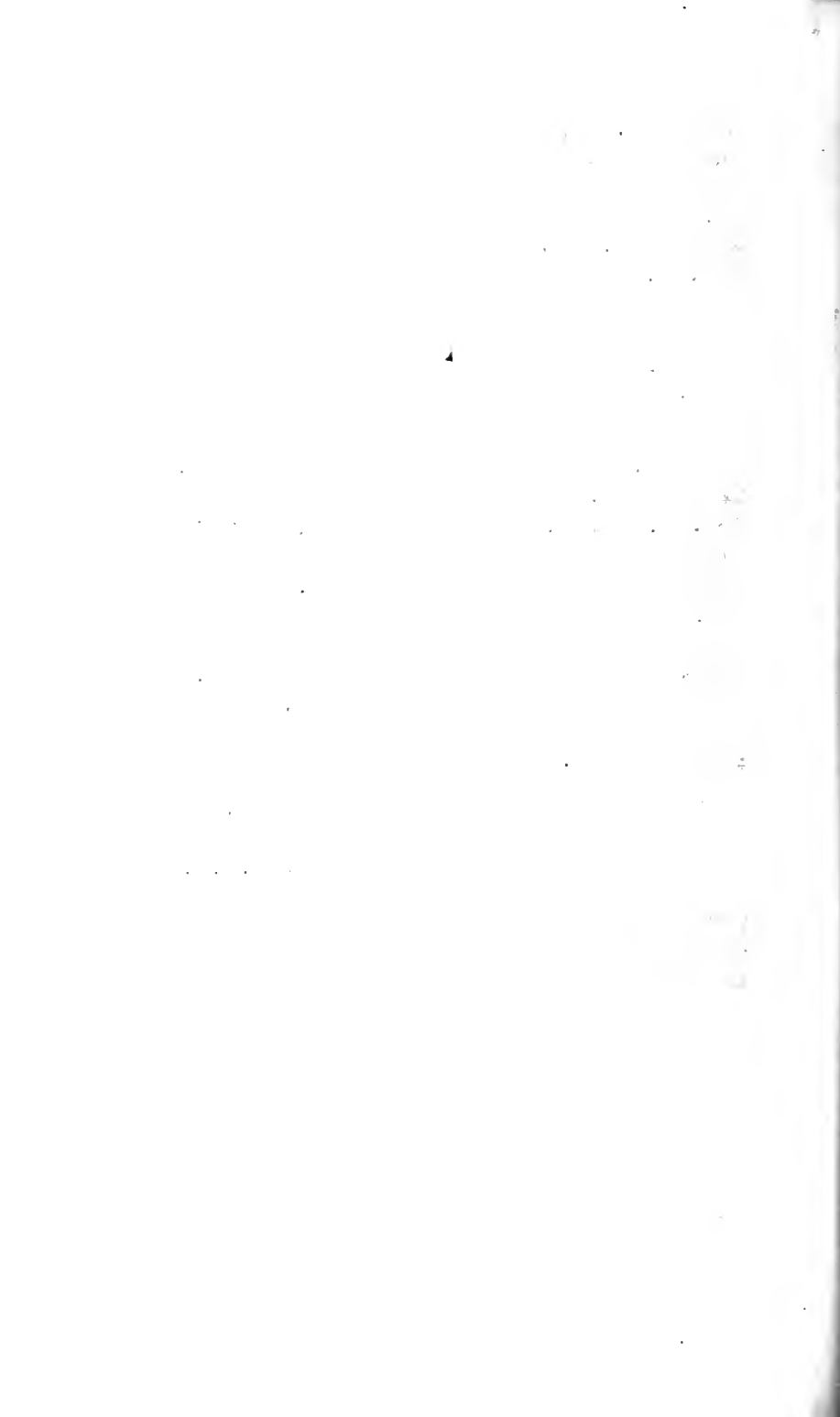
The weather is terrible today - rainy and mild. I hope we have an early Spring. Our trip back to Rochester was fine, but uneventful.

Best regards.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bob Fischette, C.S.B.

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Robert M. Fischette
March 16, 1970

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
March 16, 1970

Dear Bob,

Jack Whitley called to tell me that your sister, Mrs. Joseph Hurley, died. I am very sorry to hear this and shall certainly remember her in my Masses. Had she been ill very long?

Two weeks ago I was at an educational convention in Chicago - the AACTE (American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education) and the AST (Association of Student Teaching). This coming Friday morning I must go to New York for some more education meetings at the New Yorker Hotel. This time its the American Association of Deans and Advisors of Students. I'll just be there all day Friday and Saturday till 2:00 p.m. when I fly back to Rochester.

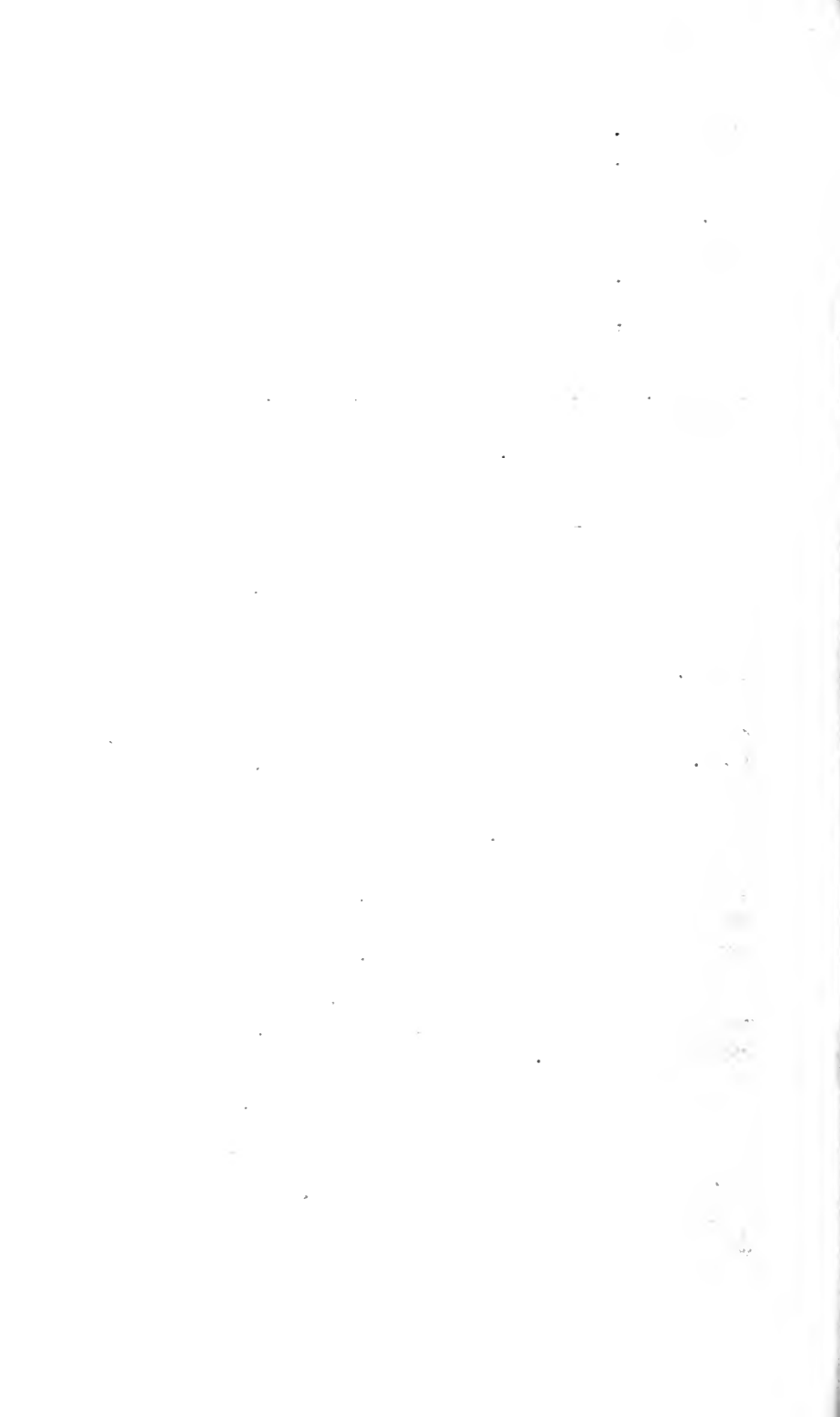
My dad arrived back in Rochester from Los Angeles last week. It was quite a contrast to go from 80 degrees temperature back down to the freezing weather and snows. I had tried to tell him that he was returning here too soon, but he was anxious to get back.

All goes well here at Fisher. The Easter vacation will be a welcome relief. Best regards to all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bob Fischette, CSB

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Robert M. Fischette
June 9, 1970

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Rochester, New York 14618
June 9, 1970

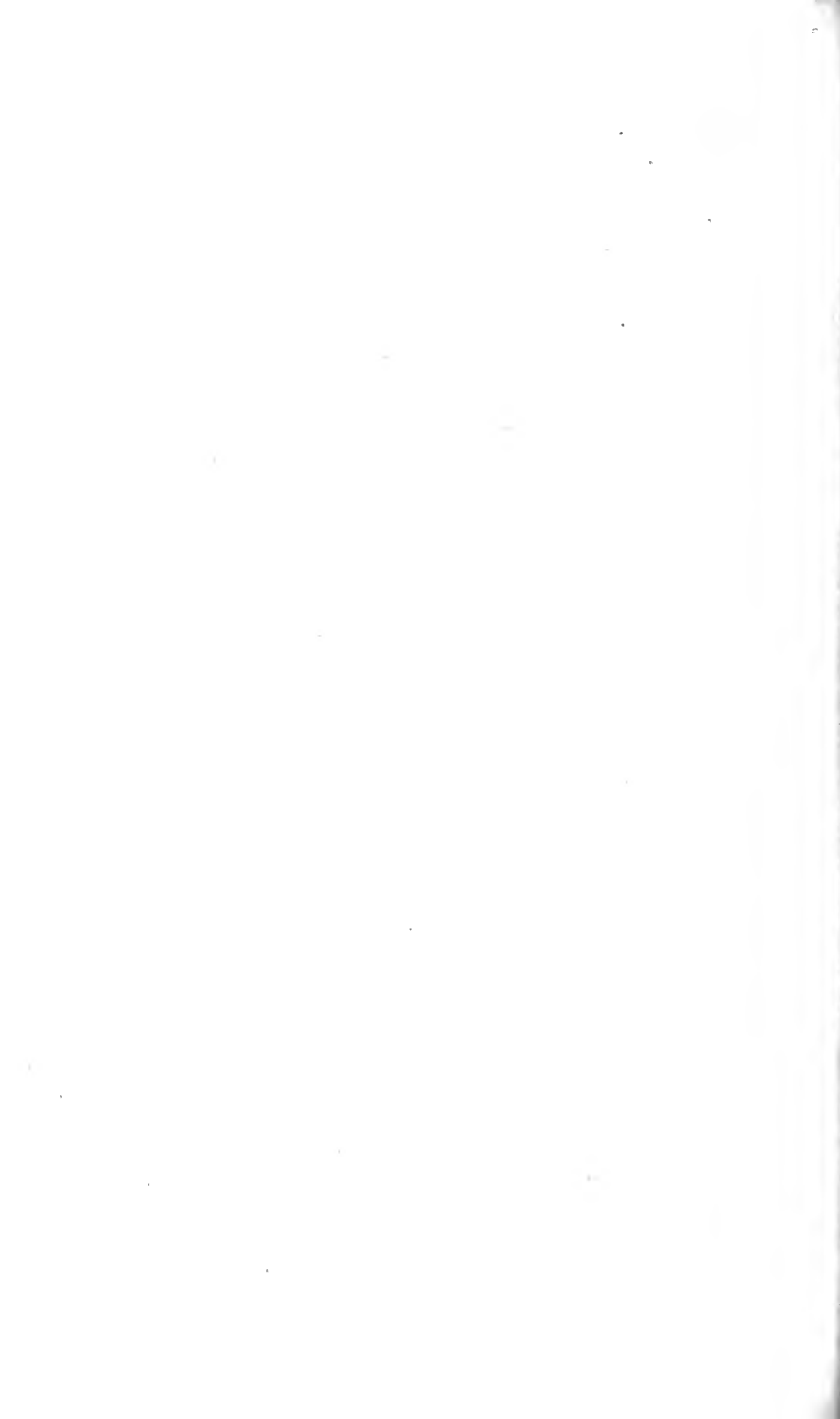
Dear Bob,

Thanks for your letter of June 5 and the enclosed publication on manuscripts in St. Basil's Seminary Library. I noted with due solemnity my own work on Father Henry Bellisle. If I had know in 1943 how much attention this thesis would get later on, I would have taken more care in writing it! I hope you were not unnecessarily chagrined at omitting the three manuscripts Bill Irwin mentioned. This is one of the hazards of publication.

It's good to hear about Terry Forestell's fine defence of his thesis. I am not, of course, surprised. Do you know when Terry will return from Europe? If I were in his place, I think I would have been tempted to relax by doing a bit of travelling around Europe before returning to this side of the Atlantic.

I guess I won't recognize the Seminary by the next time I visit there. The changes you describe sound rather extensive. But that is to be expected I guess.

We are going to Notre Dame Retreat House in Canadaigua after lunch today to start our Retreat. We made it there last year and it's a fine spot. In a couple of weeks we'll be moving to the House of Studies permanently. That will be quite a job. Charlie Lavery is back home, was here in time for graduation and he participated somewhat, on crutches and a glazed glass in the right side of his eye glasses. He still



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June 9, 1970

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goes to the hospital daily for his muscle treatments.

Best regards to all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bob Fischette, CSB

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Robert M. Fischette
July 4, 1970

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Basilian Fathers
80 Fairport Road
East Rochester, New York 14445
July 4, 1970

Dear Bob,

I left Toronto with Paul Broadhurst around 9:45 a.m. yesterday (Friday) and arrived here by 1:00 p.m. The traffic was light, considering the 4th of July week-end; so I guess we made a good decision to drive back Friday a.m. on the 3rd instead of waiting until Saturday, the 4th.

When I got back hhere, your letter (1st day cover) with the new Canadian stamps was here. Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness and trouble. I am enclosing some U.S. stamps which you should be able to use in the not-too-distant future if you visit the States which I would hope you will do soon.

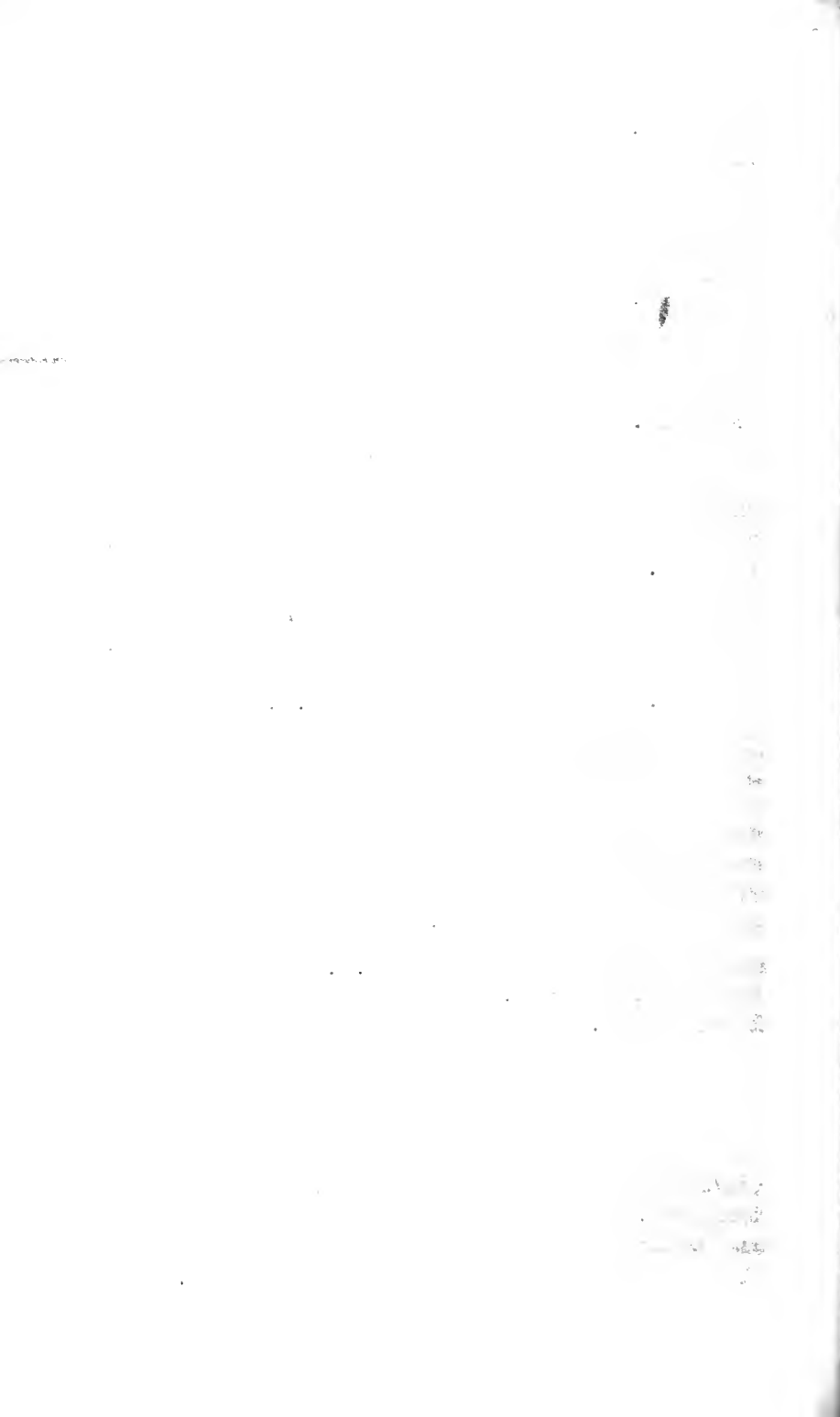
We are quite comfortably located in our new quarters at the Basilian residence at Fisher. We even have our new stationery and envelopes already as you can see.

My best regards to Father E.J. McCorkell and Father L.J. Bondy, neither of whom I saw while I was there.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bob Fischette, CSB

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Robert M. Fischette
August 24, 1970

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Rochester, New York 14618
August 24, 1970

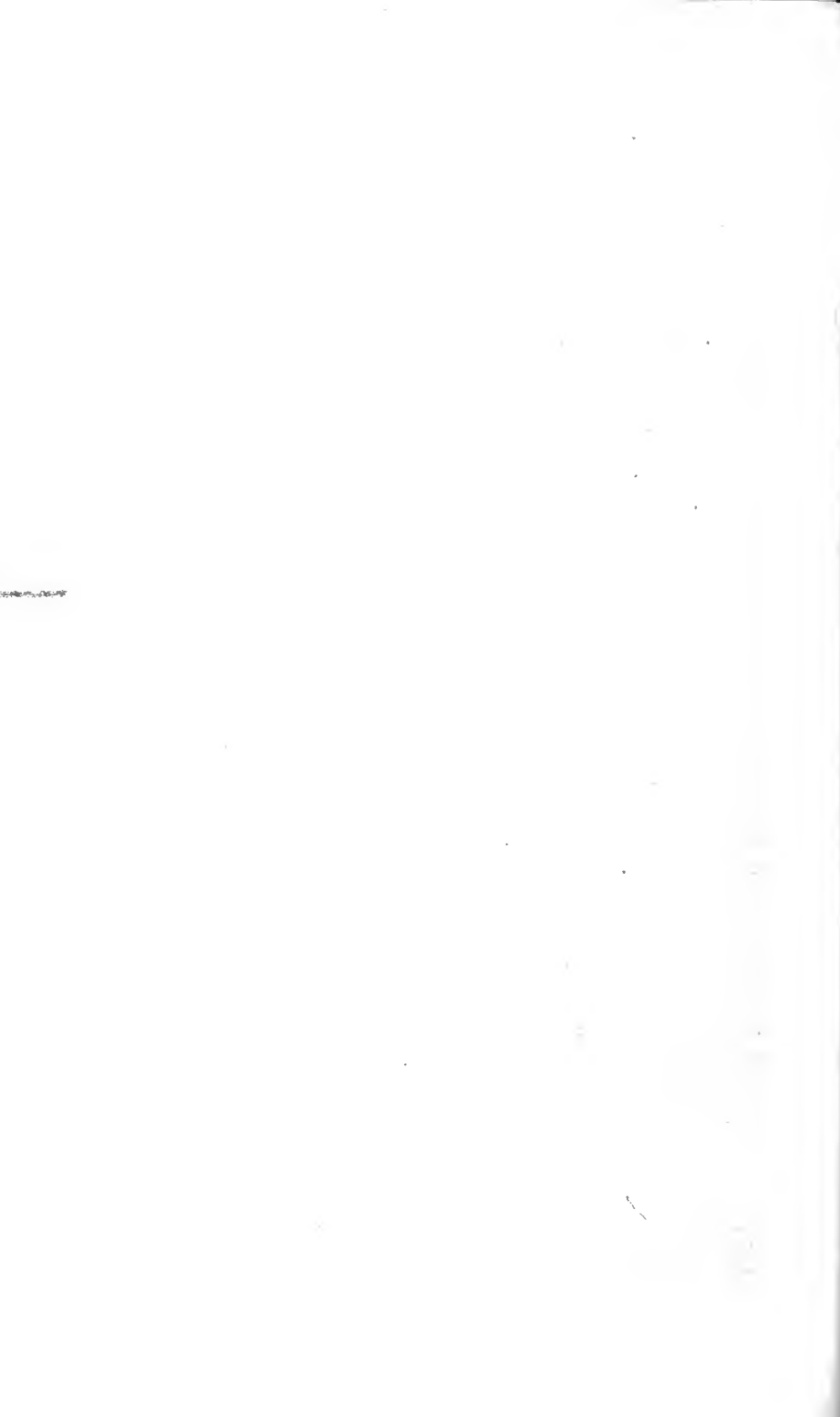
Rev. Robert J. Scollard, csb
St. Joseph's Hospital
Queensway
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Bob,

What's the big idea of being in a hospital? I heard about it last week when I made a very quick trip to Toronto with my brother whose mother-in-law died at age of 87 and was buried from Holy Cross Church in Toronto. We went up on Tuesday afternoon in time to get to the wake (at Rosar's) before supper; stayed there for the evening and got a room at St. Basil's Seminary; and then went to the funeral next morning. After the visit to the cemetery, we stopped over at my brother's "in-laws" home for an hour or so, then we headed back for Rochester. So I never got a chance to come out to St. Joseph's Hospital to see you.

I hope that all goes reasonably well for you at St. Joseph's. Have you any ideas as to how long you will be staying there? If your doctor is like most, I'm sure you have no more idea of that than anyone's guess. At any rate, I shall certainly keep you in mind in my prayers.

This morning, I received a letter from Father Dick Schiefen who wrote to say that he had taken his exam and gotten his doctorate, successfully defending his thesis in London. In addition he has published a couple of good articles in historical journals, gave a paper at Oxford,



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and has been asked to do a two-volume work by the Catholic Records Society. That's quite a successful summer, I would say. So it's good to hear that he has been successful. He is apparently going to teach at the University of St. Thomas again. (Incidentally, we could certainly use him here at Fisher)

The changes going on at the Seminary are quite numerous. It will be hard to recognize the place. The old library section looks like a different building. As for us here at Fisher, we are quite comfortable in our new home. You should come down to stay with us for a while after you get out of the hospital. We have plenty of space and it is very convenient for meals, recreation, etc. However, in the wintry months of bad weather, I may be singing a different tune because we are quite a distance from Kearney Hall. Ah, well, I guess we cannot have everything.

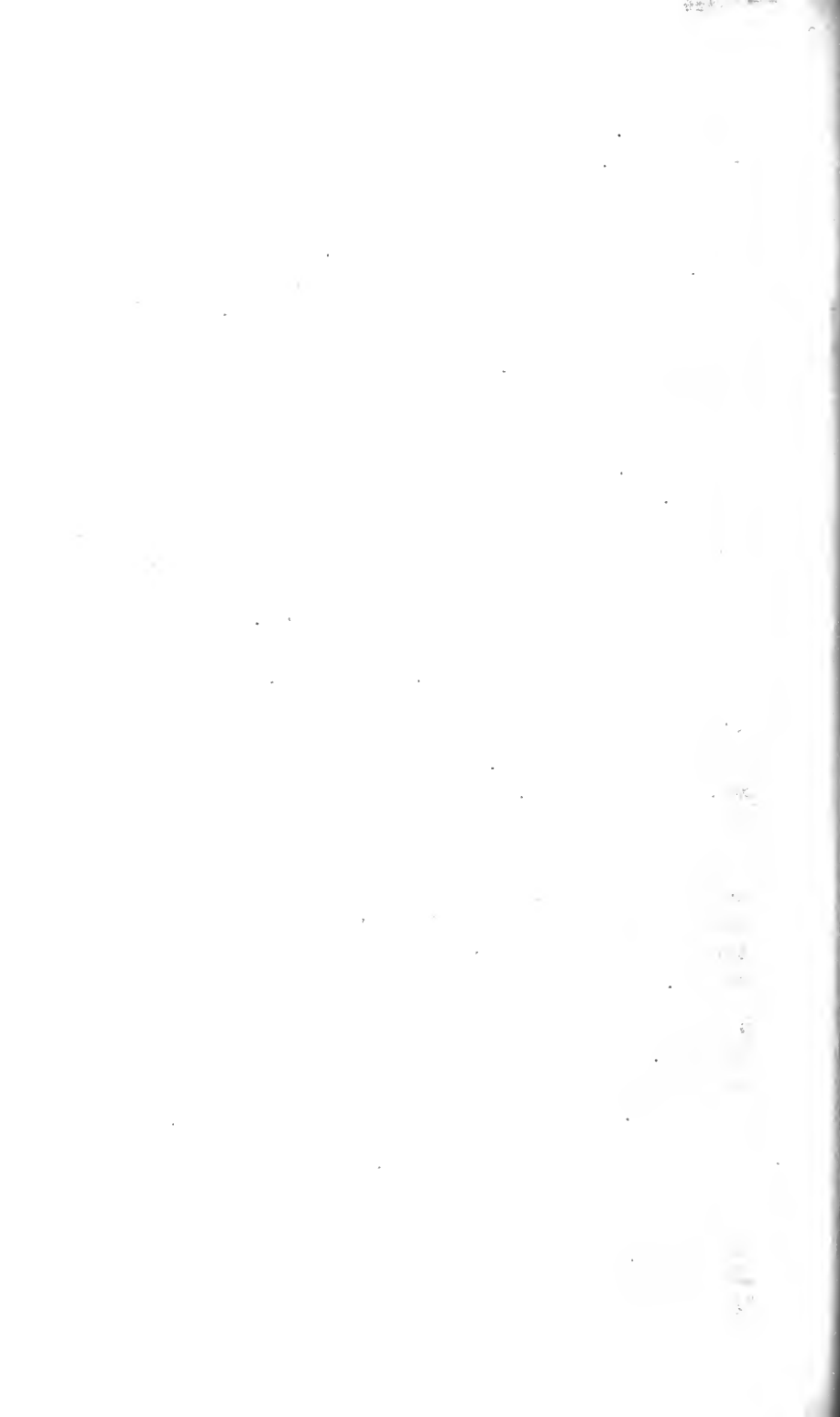
We received notice of our first faculty meeting on September 10, although lectures do not begin until the 17th. So that means the summer is just about gone. It doesn't seem possible that a new academic year is already about to begin.

Charlie Lavery is back from the hospital in Boston. He had another operation on his eye and it seems to be successful. Hurry up and get well. Come and see us in Rochester.

Sincerely,

Bob Fischette, CSB

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Robert M. Fischette
September 8, 1970

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
Sept. 8, 1970

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your letter which reached me today. The delay was mainly because of the long holiday because of Labor Day. Thanks also for the block of new stamps. I appreciate your thoughtfulness, especially on your first long walk since your operation. I am enclosing some of the recently issued U.S. "hison" stamps. You will need these after giving the other ones to the nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital. Besides, you'll need them when you come over here and stay for a while with us.

I am glad to hear that you are feeling better. From what I've heard from others, the operation you had is indeed a rough one; so I'm not surprised to hear of your reaction to lying still on your back so long. The memories of that discomfort will endure for a long time, I'm sure.

Hope all else goes well as you prepare for a new opening of an academic year. It doesn't seem possible, but next week we start lectures. Where has the summer gone?

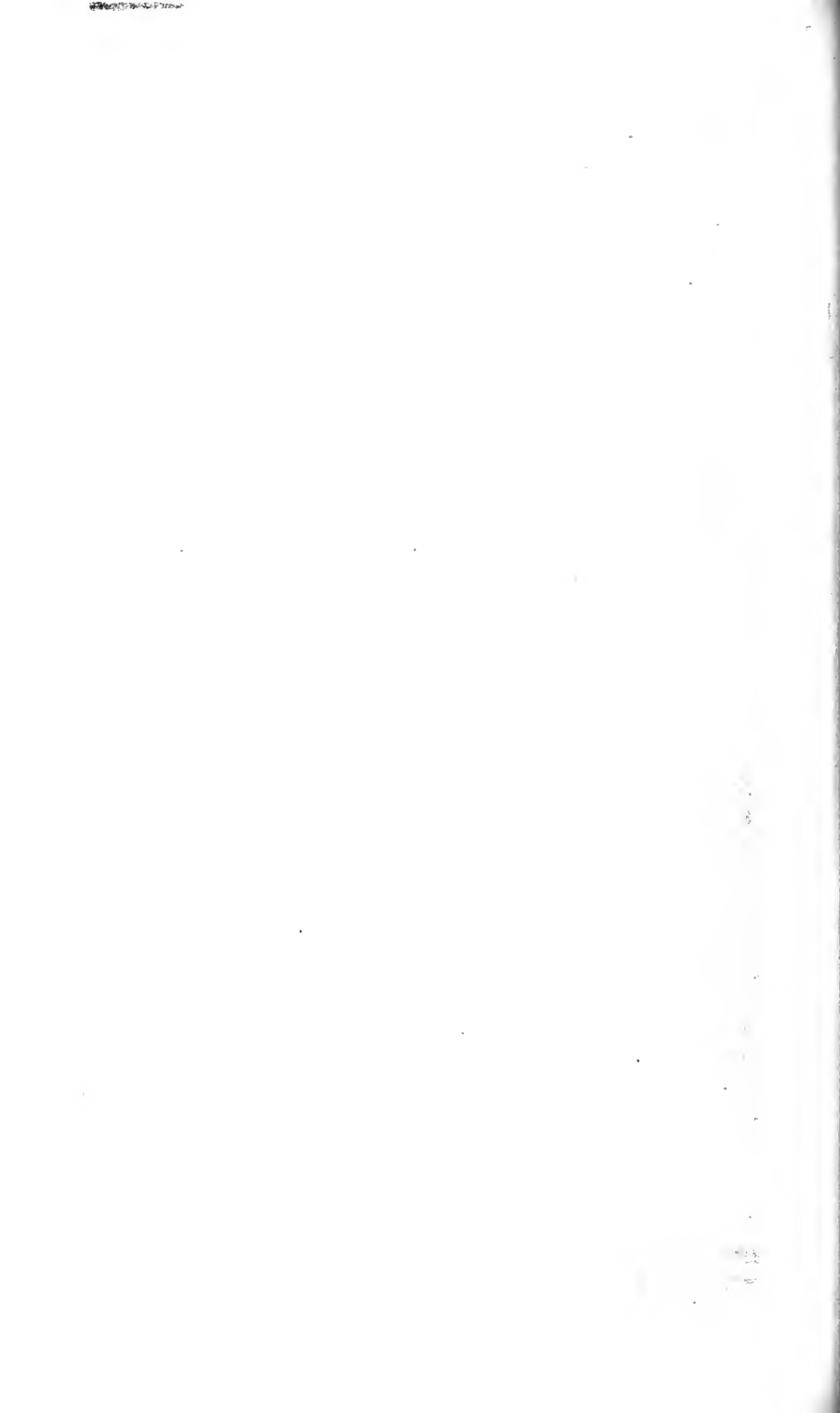
Be sure to come over, even if it's only for a few days. If need be, I could perhaps pick you up. Please let me know and I'll do what I can.

Best regards to all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bob Fischette, CSB

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Robert M. Fischette
November 9, 1970

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
Nov. 9, 1970

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your letter and for the First Day Cover as well as the block of six new stamps. I appreciate it very much. You also asked if you had sent a copy of the "group of seven" stamp. I know I have a used copy of that stamp but I don't think I have a mint copy of it. In addition, as you probably know, Canada put out 12 Xmas stamps - 5 of the 5 ¢, 5 of the 6 ¢, a 10 ¢ and a 15 ¢. If you have a chance in the not-too-distant future, I would appreciate a block of each of them and am enclosing some money to cover the cost. (I hope Canada does not splurge like that too often because it can get expensive!)

I'm glad to hear that you are feeling well. I guess your rapid recovery is due to your robust health. It must have surprised even Father Wey, and he doesn't surprise easily, I'm sure! However, the invitation to spend some time here at Fisher still stands.

Glad to hear about Father E.J. Lajeunesse's forthcoming honorary doctorate. If Jackey Donlon says it's so, I'm sure it's so! As for Jim Morro, I don't know when he will learn that he has to cut down on weight. He's bound to run into serious trouble before he's 45 years old! However, he has to make up his own mind to do it. No one can do it for him.

I hope Frank Mallon gets over his illness. He must be champing at the bit to get back to his work at Newman Centre. Which reminds me, how

Robert M. Fischette
November 9, 1970

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is Pete Sheehan these days? People here still ask about him from time to time.

Take care of yourself. I've been in reasonably good health and manage to keep busy (probably too busy). I'll be going to a convention of Middle Atlantic States in Atlantic City the first week of December and to American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Chicago in February.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bob Fischette, CSB

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E.Arthur Roberts
Summer 1969

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Diocesan College "Leeuwenhorst", Noordwijkerhout. This great complex was a seminary until a year ago. Now it is a Catholic boarding school. It is just a short walk from the North Sea. Tomorrow we meet with a group of local theologians. London was great. Holland has been better. Tomorrow we leave for Paris. The group has been great and the teaching a pleasure. Learning a lot too.

Art R.

(Transcribed from the postcard, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

T. Gregory Mallon

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February 12, 1969

St. Thomas More College
University of Saskatchewan
1437 College Drive
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
February 12, 1969

Rev. Robt. J. Scollard
St. Basil's Seminary
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto, 5, Ontario

Dear Bob.,

We miss you. We have been orphaned by the recently-received Basilian Annals.

René Levesque has been on our Campus this week speaking to the students. The local house is considering conferring with René to see what he has to offer.

This is our second complaint. We first heard about Vin. Thomson's death from our professor Ernie McCullough. His sister had called him from Calgary after Danny Burns (I believe) called her.

We sent a rather cryptic telegram to Russell Hill Road at that time, and received two phone calls of apology. They should be covered with confusion this time.

All are well here after a few brief bouts with flu. We are looking forward to Joe O'Donnell's arrival to give some special lectures. We are having a kind of Shakespeare Festival in the week of February 23rd, with "Measure for Measure" by our students and directed by W. Stratford of the Univ. Drama Dept't.

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February 12, 1969

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Geo. VanderZanden has left for Notre Dame University and Bud Paré is the new Newman Chaplain.

Our building addition is moving slowly. The completion date in January has long passed. We will be lucky to be completed by June. It doesn't bother us - don't have to borrow so much so soon.

The University are considering renting the upper floor for the president or the Saskatoon Campus Principal. This may cause altering of office sizes. The local administration seem anxious to put the president (of the 2 campuses) here - with "right of sanctuary".

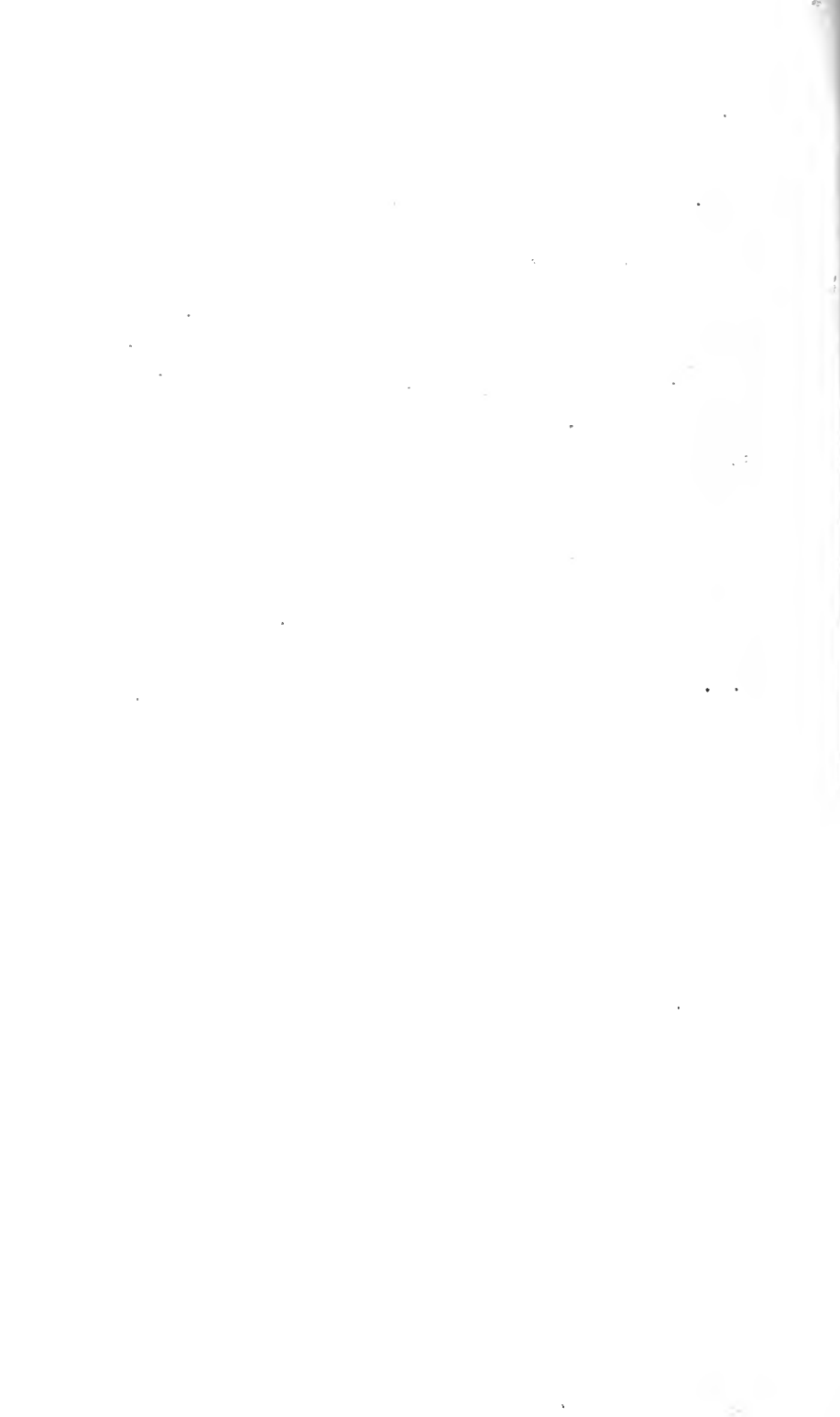
We have heard today that Hugh [Mallon] is O.K. after his recent trip to the hospital.

Best regards,

Yours in Christ,

Greg Mallon

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T. Gregory Mallon
June 25, 1969

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Alpine Motel
Revelstoke, B.C.

Just completed a visitation with the Western Regional Representative and others at St. Mark's College, Vancouver. On our way to Calgary and then home. [to Saskatoon]

Sorry I missed you early in June. Saw you in the distance the day you returned from the South.

Greg M.

(Postcard dated June 23/69 and postmarked June 25, 1969. Original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
CHICAGO, ILL.

J. Stanley Murphy
August 4, 1969

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Christian Culture Series
University of Windsor
Windsor, Ontario.

Dear Bob:

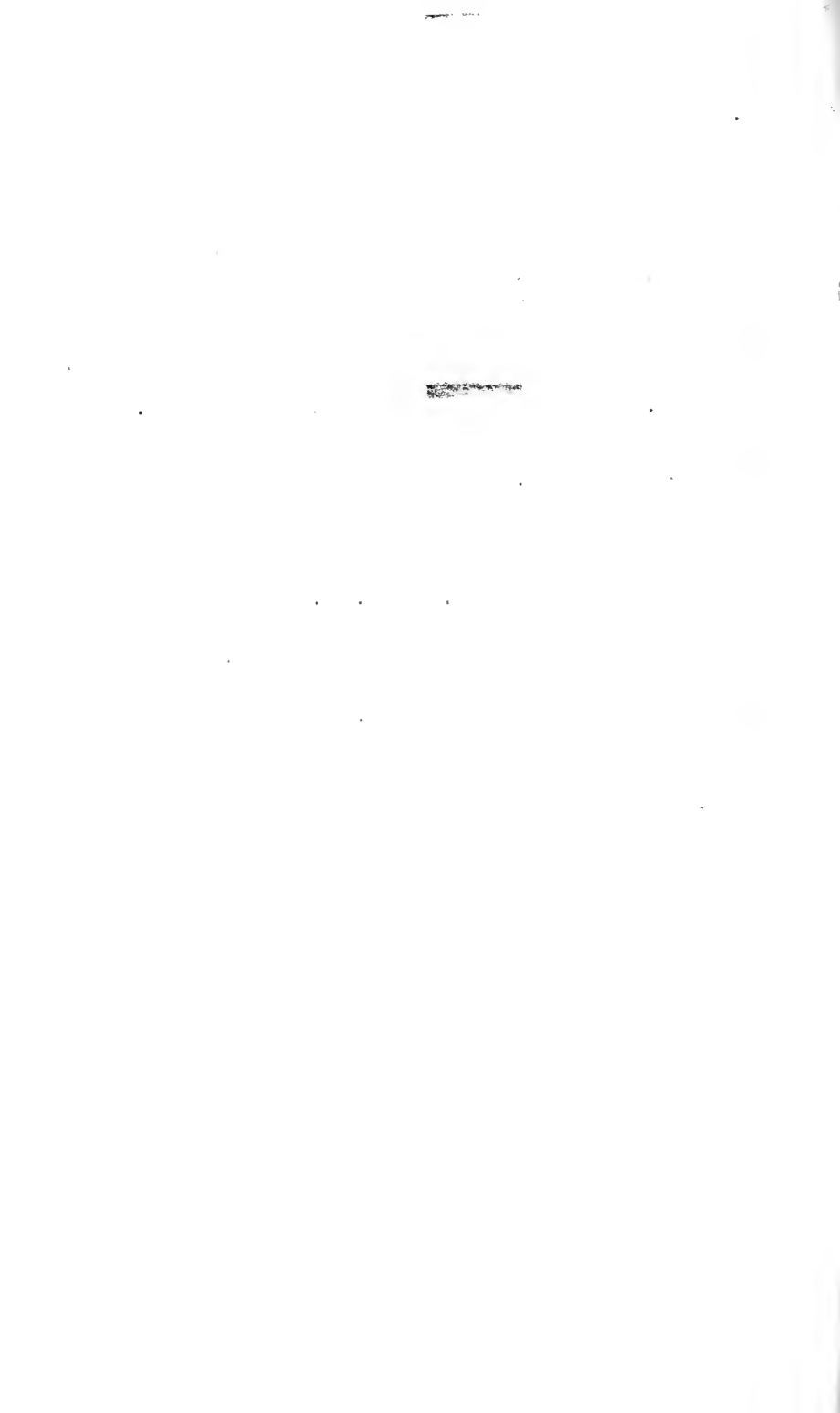
Many thanks to you for your kindness to me in
Toronto. My best to Father Ed. Young, too.

It will be hard to get down to work, though
much looms ahead.

Cordially and confraternally

J. Stan. M.

(Postal card, postmarked 4/VIII/1969.
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Basilian Fathers in Toronto.)



John C. Wick
January 23, 1969

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Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks for your card and note. I'm feeling very well and getting better by the day.

We'll miss Father Carl Allnoch.

I hope everything is going well with you.

All are fine here and the weather is tremendous. The last few days - 75 degrees.

Do you still want to come down and sort out and classify the Basilian papers? (St. Thomas)

Sincerely,

John Wick, CSB

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John C. Wick
March 5, 1969

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St. Thomas High School
4500 Memorial Drive
Houston, Texas 77007
March 5, 1969

Dear Father Scollard:

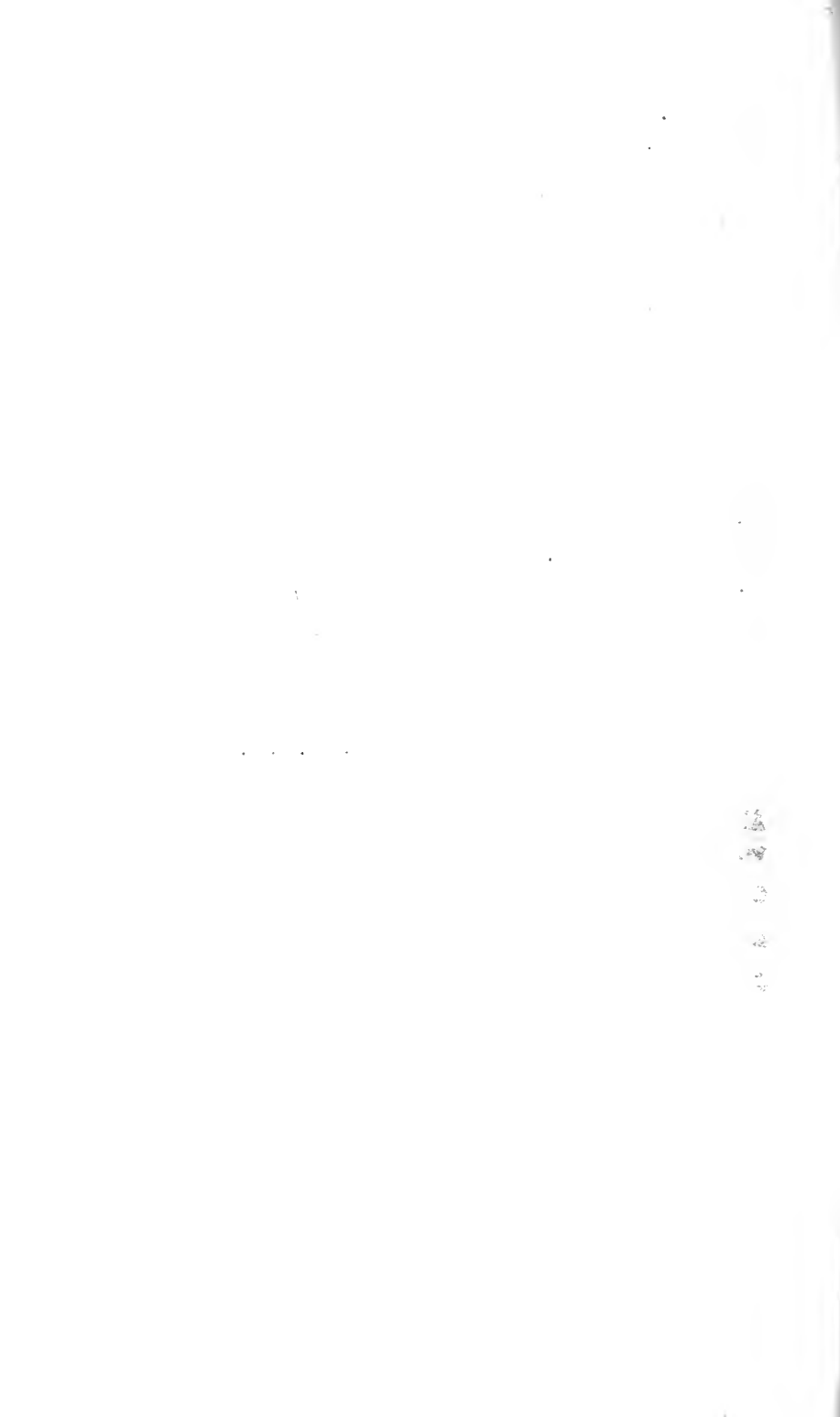
June will be a good time for you to arrive. I hope you can make it because I would like to get all papers in order and filed properly. You might bring things from Toronto if they pertain to us or have copies made so we can file them here.

I'm feeling fine and should be able to resume full activities in a few weeks.

Sincerely yours,

John Wick, C.S.B.

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John C. Wick
September 2, 1969

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St. Thomas High School
Basilian Fathers
4500 Memorial Drive
Houston, Texas 77007
September 2, 1969

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto 181, Canada

Dear Father Scollard:

This is a short note to say thank you for the work you did on the archives for St. Thomas High School this past summer. I want you to know that having all that material organized is a valuable asset to the school and the Basilians.

The air conditioning will be finished in about a month. So we are all awaiting the day it is working. They seem to be doing a wonderful job.

All are well here and the first day of school went smoothly.

Once again thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

John C. Wick, C.S.B.

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George H. Hosko
September 1, 1969

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Basilian Fathers
1100 Huron Line
Windsor - Ont.
September 1, 1969

Dear Father Scollard,

I received your comprehensive report. The listing of my degree was correct.

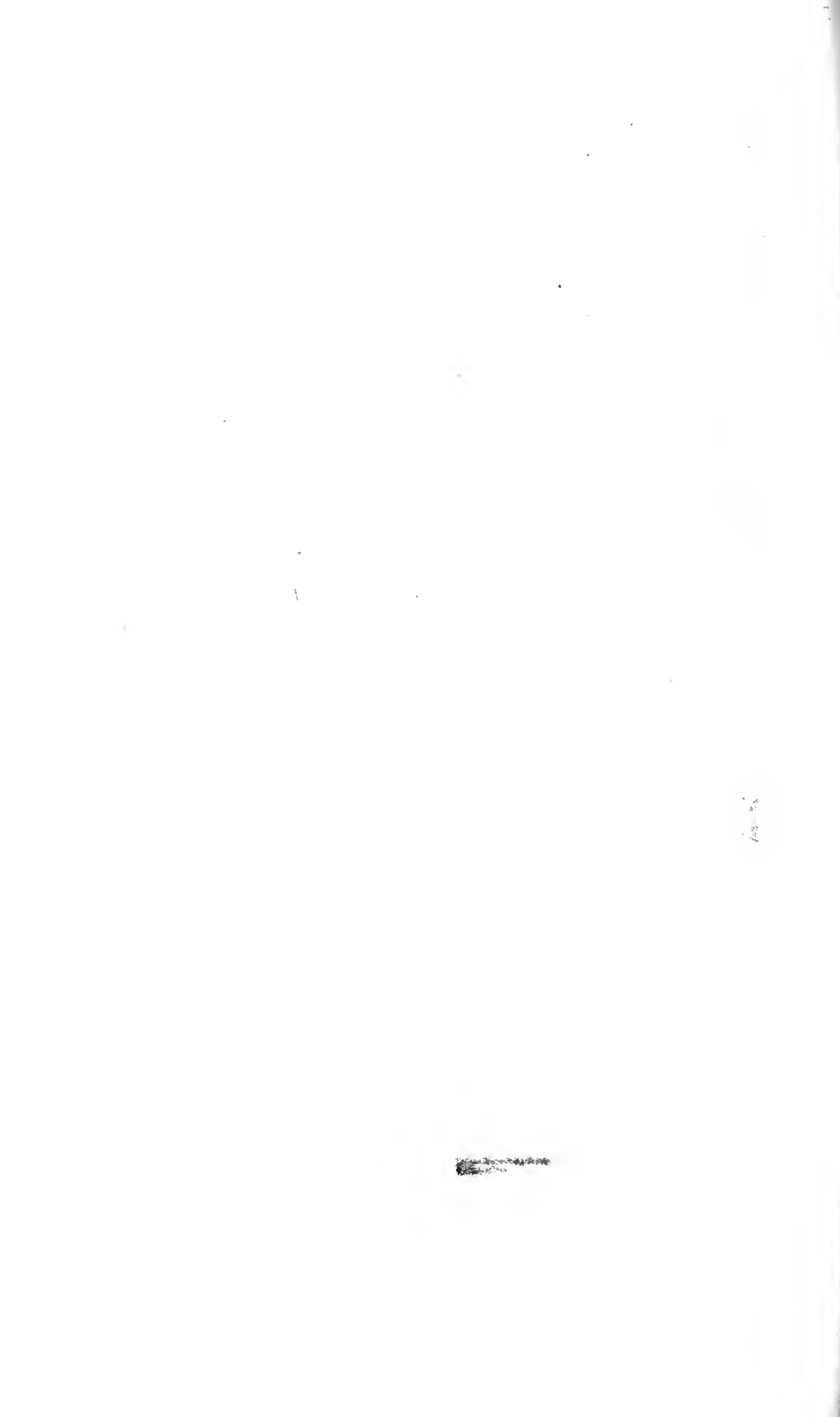
I will keep the report for future reference. Assumption is celebrating its centennial so I had better make a good report.

Summer was really great, kept cool with air conditioning at both the school and rectory.

Sincerely,

George

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Mullins, John B.
February 10, 1969.

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Our Lady of Good Counsel
1340 Craig Street East
Montreal 24, Quebec
Feb. 10, 1969.

Dear Bob:

Received your letter this A.M. Certainly you will be welcome to stay here. The Franciscans live in the northern section but easily reached from here. Just let us know your plans.

Sorry to hear about so much sickness. Interesting note on Firth!

Looking forward to seeing you.

In Christ

John M

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John B. Mullins
November 1, 1969

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Transfiguration of Our Lord
11775 Filion Street
Montreal 390 - Quebec
Nov 1, 1969

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your thoughtful and newsy letter! Sorry to hear about Nig LeBel - one fine man and Basilian.

Haven't heard one word about the Holy Cross sale! You should come down to Montreal. We have a guest room here. Father Ed Penny is the pastor here. He is a good friend. You would be welcome any time!

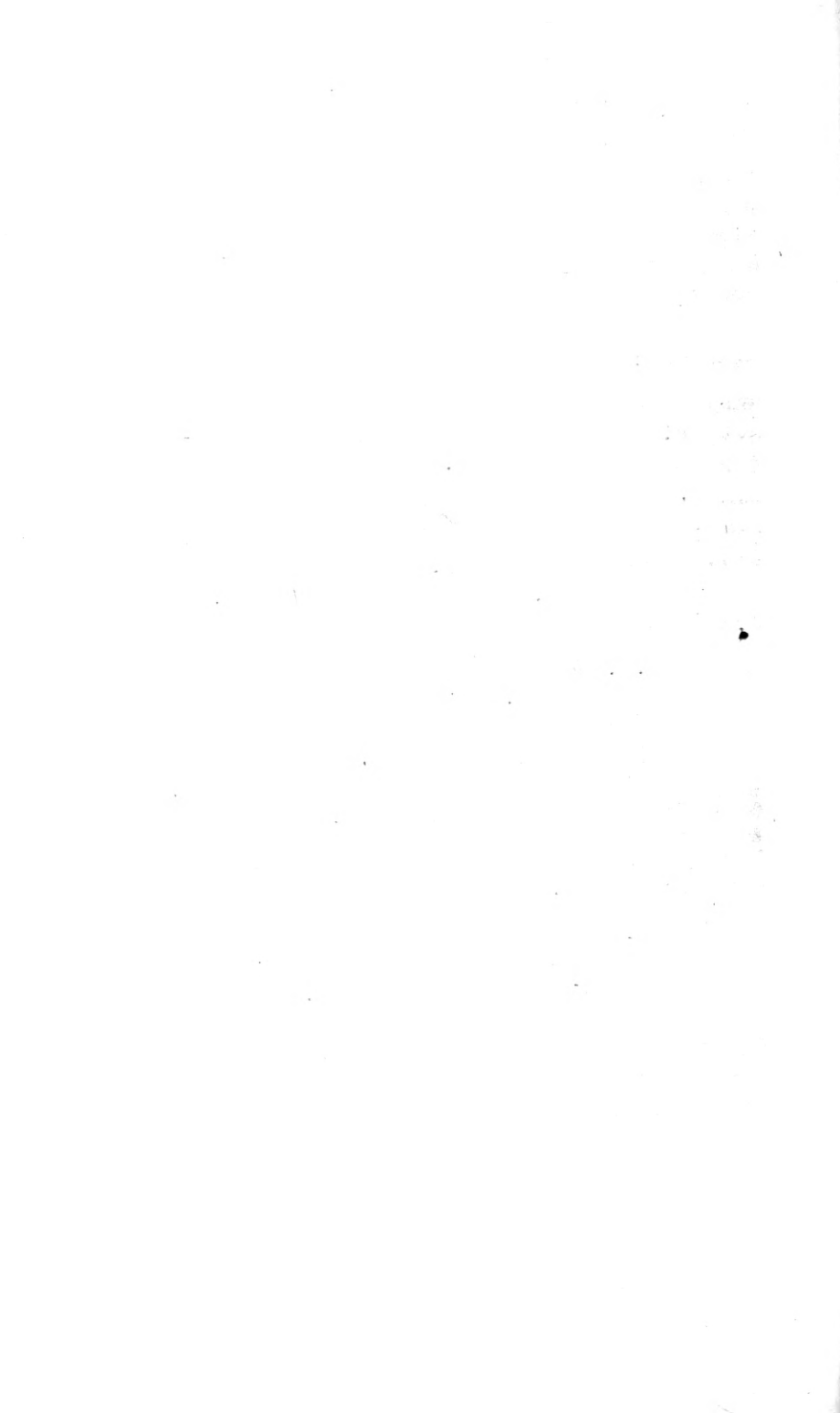
Father E.J. McCorkell could give us all lessons in getting around. I'm reading his book on Father Carr these days and finding it very interesting and informative. Am looking forward to your Dictionary of Basilian Biography. It is good of you to remember me.

Am enjoying the pastoral life and learning more every day.

God bless. Gratefully

John M.

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John J. Glavin
November 3, 1969

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Saint Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
2140 Westheimer Road
Houston 6, Texas
Nov 3/69

Dear Father Scollard:

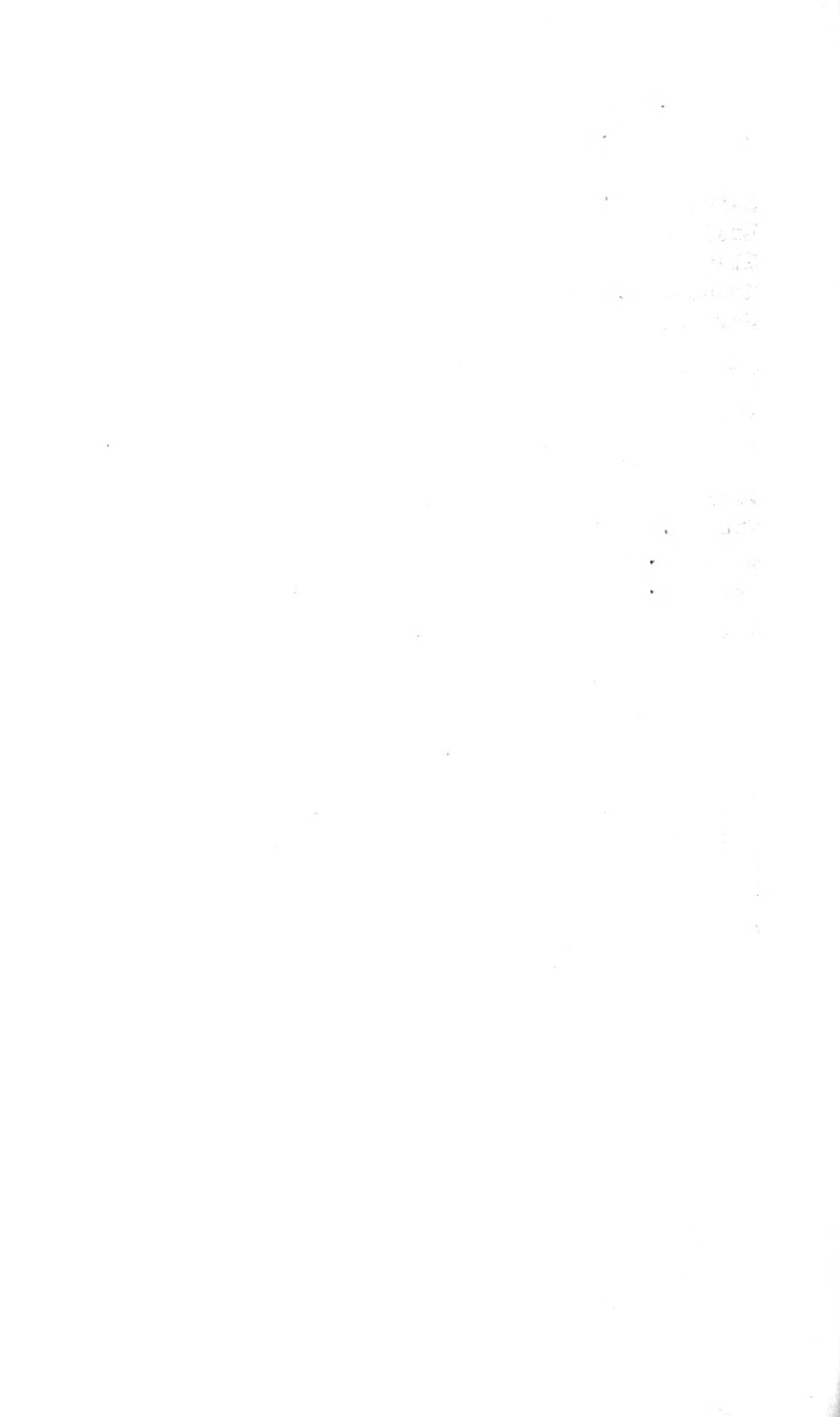
Thanks very much for your letter and also the copy of the Dictionary of Basilian Biography. I have not read very much of it yet; it arrived last Saturday and yesterday we had our fall fiesta. I understand they cleared about \$25,000.00 So yesterday was a bad day for reading.

With good wishes to all,

Sincerely

J. Glavin, CSB

(Transcribed from the original, interleaved in a copy of the Dictionary of Basilian Biography)



John J. Glavin
June 18, 1970

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Saint Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
2140 Westheimer Road
Houston 6, Texas
June 18/70

Dear Father Scollard:-

Thanks very much for your letter and the book of catalogue of the manuscripts.

We got our appointments today. Please God I will be seeing you on June 25 or 26.

I hope they will have a quiet room for me with a double bed and comfortable chair.

I think I will fly up and express my trunk.

With all good wishes

Sincerely

J. Glavin, CSB

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James E. Daley
May 30, 1969

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St. Joseph's College
The University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta
Basilian Fathers
Director of Student Affairs
May 30, 1969.

Dear Father Scollard,

I got conscripted (by default, mostly) to give the Invocation at two sessions of the four days of Convocation at the University of Alberta this past Wednesday and Thursday. At the Chancellor's luncheon on Wednesday, I had the good fortune of being seated next to an old friend of yours: Elizabeth Morton. Miss Morton was a recipient of an Honorary Degree of Doctors of Laws this year. In addition, she gave the main speech at Part II of the four-part Convocation. She spoke of you in very glowing terms and with much admirations - expressions which I thought were the private property of your former secretaries!! She had just returned from Whitehorse, and, her convocation talk centred around the facts and the future of library developments in the far North.

At the last minute (May 13), Father Rus Pendergast and I decided to drive from here to Winnipeg (820 miles) for the festivities surrounding the return of Cardinal Flahiff from Rome. Father Dore went too, but, he had made his own arrangements for travel. His Grace, Archbishop Jordan, asked Father Dore to represent himself and the local archdiocese, since His Grace was unable to attend. Pender and I had a good trip. We stopped overnight in Saskatoon where we picked up Peter Swan. Peter had

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planned to fly, but he chose to ride with us by car. We got to Winnipeg about 10.30 p.m. on the night of the 14th, and had accommodations at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel which is just across the street from the Cathedral. We attended all of the ceremonies on May 15. Every House in the West was represented except Vancouver: Roger deBilly and Joe O'Reilly from Lethbridge; Bill Coyle, Jim Whelihan and Dan Burns from Calgary; Peter Swan, Paul and Greg Mallon from Saskatoon; Father Dore, Pender and myself from Edmonton. His Eminence was delighted to see so many Basilians. At the clergy banquet in the evening of the 15th, the Cardinal circulated the request that his Basilian confreres remain until the following day to have lunch with him. All were able to do so except Fathers Dore, Burns and Coyle. His Eminence took us to a pleasant restaurant in St. James. (Joe O'Reilly was careful to note that the bill came to \$57.00!!) At the end of the lunch, Cardinal Flahiff said: "Thank you so much for coming, and thank you for your community spirit." Needless to say, His Eminence was his usual gracious self. It was a great personal joy for me that I could attend. As you will recall, it will be eight years ago tomorrow that His Eminence was consecrated Archbishop. It was my pleasure to have assisted him at that time.

We all prayed for Miss Margaret Pattison when she died. She was very loyal to the Basilians, and, we shall miss her. Father Stan Lynch's death was a blessing. He had been ill for a long time.



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May 30, 1969

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I had a nice talk with John Stapleton, who was in Winnipeg. Do take care of yourself and come to see us whenever you have the chance.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jim Daley

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James E. Daley
September 17, 1969

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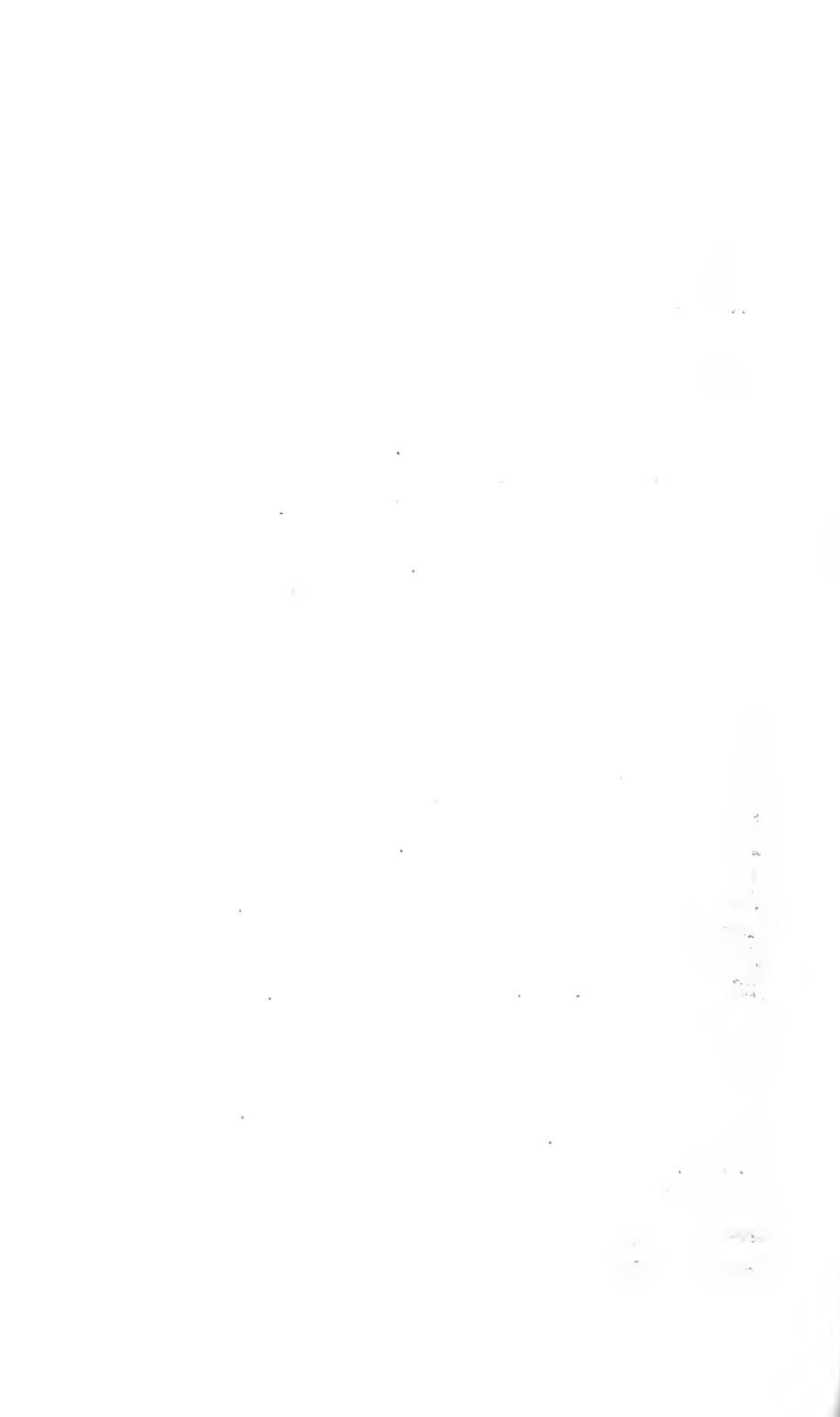
St. Joseph's College
The University of Alberta
Edmonton 61, Alberta
Basilian Fathers
Director of Student Affairs

Dear Father Scollard,

I suppose you have moved into your new office in the composite library. I'm very sorry I did not get to St. Mike's to see the building this last August when I was East. The nearest I got to it was an overnight stop at Michael Power in between planes. I spent four days in Windsor at Assumption High School, then went to New Hampshire where I buried a dear old aunt and, on the side, made the annual retreat with the diocesan priests in Manchester.

Doug Roche, the Editor of "The Western Catholic Reporter" has asked me to do a review of Father McCorkell's book: Henry Carr - Revolutionary for an educational issue of the paper he plans to publish early in October. Also, he wants to do a picture montage of Father Carr and the institutions he founded or promoted. Jim Morro was kind enough to send me several pictures which will be most helpful - chiefly pictures of Carr Hall, St. Thomas More, St. Mark's, and some of the photo's that Griffin Press used in the book (I presume he cleared the copyright). If you have any pictures you think might fit the montage, please send them to me. I promise to return them. In addition, Roche plans to give considerable space to our work at St. Joseph's College and in the Newman Association.

Joe Courtney is a most welcome addition to our house. He is a good Basilian and a most prudent



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Superior. We have one common exercise: "Vespers" immediately after supper. For various reasons it is impractical to have "Lauds" in the morning. However, we plan to have a Spiritual conference once a month and a Theological gathering frequently. The first of the latter will be this Friday night on the new rubrics of the Mass. His Grace, Archbishop Jordan, celebrated the 4.30 Mass in our chapel last Sunday, remained for supper and for an executive meeting of our Board of Governors in the evening. He has designated our Chapel as a workshop for the implementation of the new liturgy. Priests and laity from Edmonton and the other parts of the Archdiocese are invited to come to the Chapel for any of our Masses during the week "to see how it's done". This does not include Sundays as we have too many on-campus students to accommodate at our four Masses on those days, without having an influx of non-university people.

It is also great to have Frank Firth and John Janisse with us. Frank has taken over my Medieval Philosophy course and is giving one of the Seven Groups we offer in Introduction to Philosophy. It is amazing how this course has increased in popularity and in numbers. Six years ago we had 25 students and one Group. This year we have 400 students and seven Groups. I myself am blessed with half the lot! - three Groups and close to 200 students. Wilf Dore has one, Frank one, and an OFM (Allan Eshpeter) two. Father Dore also teaches a course in the Philosophy of Man, and Joe Courtney has two Groups of Christian Theology (basically a course in the theology of St. Paul). All together, we have over 450 students - which is quite an increase from 25 over a period of six years.

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September 17, 1969

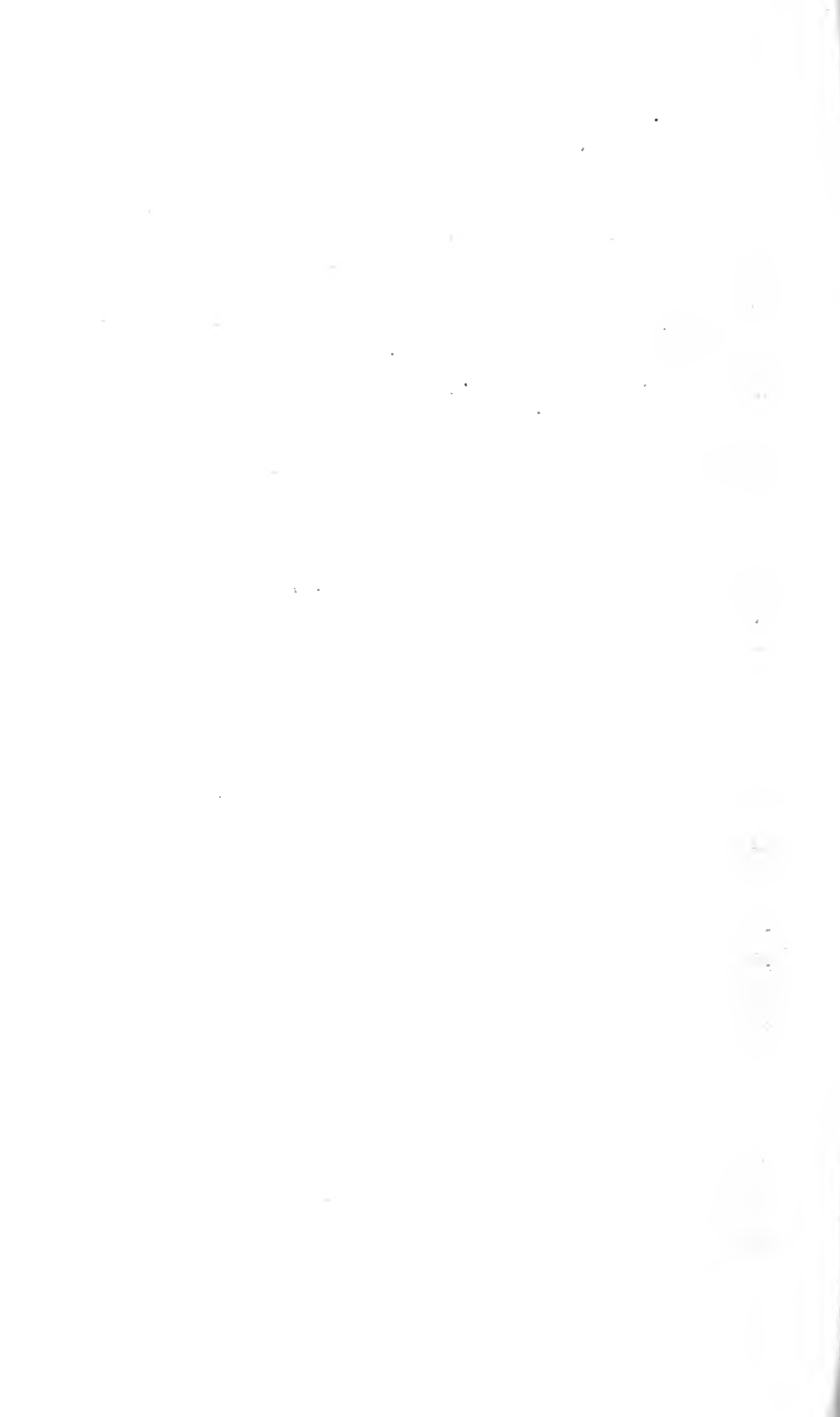
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We still look for the day when you will pay us a visit!! Perhaps, next June or during the summer of '70? After all, you have two former secretaries (Joe and myself) on whom you should check up! We are all well, including Father Basil Sullivan. I think the visit we had from Father E.J. McCorkell pepped him up considerably.

Prayers and best wishes in Christ,

Jim Daley

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James E. Daley
November 25, 1969

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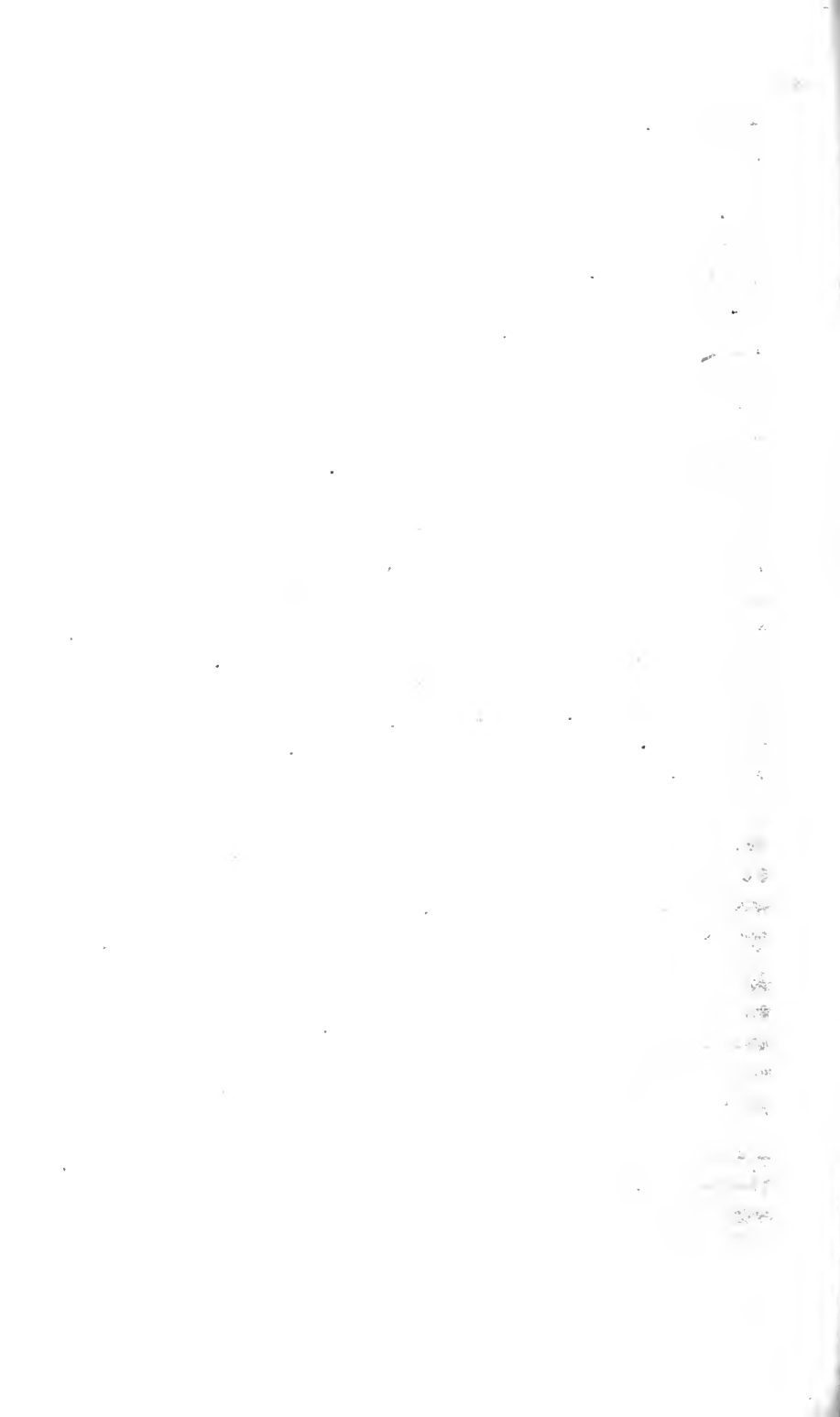
Dear Father Scollard,

I was so pleased to get a copy of your Dictionary of Basilian Biography. It is a splendid effort on your part and a most valuable addition to "Basiliana".

Paul Martin has been around the University for the past few days participating in a conference on the influence of the United States in Canada. I had a nice talk with him last night. His daughter, Mary Ann, is getting married in India this week end. Son, Paul, is now a lawyer in Montreal. I taught both of them, and Paul Jr. lived in House 2 & 96 the year I was in charge (1958) of it at St. Michael's College.

Basil Sullivan is still in Vancouver. We understand that Father Carlisle LeBel may get out of hospital this week, and, that Bob Finn is trying to get Father Jim Whelihan to go to Vancouver. Jim is now retired from the Calgary Separate School Board, as you know. Hence, we may have Basil back with us before long. He was most charitable in going to Vancouver when Father LeBel took sick. However, at his age, we do worry about him and will be glad to get him back.

I hope the furniture has arrived for the library. Father Wilf Dore had great praise for the building when he returned from a recent visit to Toronto.



James E. Daley
November 25, 1969

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Bob Montague's sister, Margaret Peters, would appreciate a copy of your book: Mrs. and Mrs. Harry Peters, 440 Champlain Street, St. John, N.B.

We are still aglow from Cardinal Flahiff's visit to Edmonton over a week ago. His Eminence was delighted to spend a night in a Basilian House "with two of my former secretaries" (Joe Courtney and myself)!! He seemed to be in excellent health.

Frank Firth seems to be zeroing in on the publication of his thesis. He has gotten assistance in proof-reading from many people. He is also working up a talk on Faith, to be given at one of the Local House's Theological Conferences shortly. Frank attended a lecture, sponsored by Charles Davis, recently and he was much impressed by the speaker (an expert in Islamic studies and in comparative religion).

John Janisse is doing a fine job with the library. The physical area he has to work in is poor. It was an ad hoc arrangement to begin with, and, I think we may build more suitable quarters for the library - perhaps next Summer.

Joe Courtney is trying to get Father Ed Garvey to come here to teach one of the two Groups in Introduction to Philosophy which we will be offering during the Summer Session of 1970. As it stands now, I will have the other Group. It is rather difficult to find a Basilian philosopher these days. I was amazed to learn that there isn't a single Basilian teaching philosophy at St. Mike's.

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Father Dore seems reasonably well. He still has a bad habit of not eating regularly. Mrs. Burns is very concerned about his health, as are we all.

Again, congratulations on your book. Please continue to keep us in your good prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jim Daley.

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James E. Daley
January 21, 1971

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St. Joseph's College
The University of Alberta
Edmonton 61, Alberta
Basilian Fathers
Director of Student Affairs
January 21, 1971.

Dear Father Scollard,

I thought you might enjoy a copy of the "Alberta Catholic Directory" for your files.

Joe Courtney and I had a good trip to New York City for the ordination and First Mass of Charlie Delaney, whom we dropped off at the former Novitiate in Pontiac some eleven years ago. Several other Basilians attended the festivities, including Al Gaelens, John Ward, Mike Burns and John Ware. Father Ware could use some prayers (and some psychiatric care, too, I suspect). He drinks rather heavily. Charlie did a fine job. He will be a good Basilian, I am sure.

We are making rather elaborate plans for the 50th Anniversary of Father Basil Sullivan's ordination in February. He is in reasonably good health, thank God. Cardinal Flahiff wrote a note to Pender early this week saying that he would fly up from Houston to attend the affair. We also expect Archbishops Jordan and O'Neill, and Bishops Mahoney from Saskatoon and O'Byrne from Calgary. (Can't you imagine Father Sullivan concelebratin in the midst of all that red and purple??)

One of the diocesan priests, Father Larry Bonner died and was buried Wednesday. He was

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only 45. It was a shock to us all, especially Archbishop Jordan and Msgr. Foran. The latter is our local pastor, and Father Bonner was living with him as co-pastor. The plan was that he would take over the parish from Msgr. Foran at the end of the year. Msgr. is a classmate of Father Hubert Coughlin. It looks as though he will have to carry on as pastor.

I had a nice Christmas card from Hugh Curran. Apparently he went home for Christmas. He seems to be enjoying his work in Phoenix, Arizona. (4036 East Fairmount Avenue, Phoenix 85018). Also had a note from Alex Grant.

A friend of mine in Toronto informs me that Gerry McGinn's mother, Dorothy, had an operation on her face for cancer. The doctor had to cut a few nerves, so much so that the left side of her face sags. Gerry, in addition to his aberrations from the priesthood, pays little or no attention to his mother, which is a hard cross for her to have to carry.

Frank Firth just received the final pages of his thesis on Robert of Flambert. All the local confreres have a standing agreement that we will have a party to end all parties if Frank ever gets the book published! Father Dore's back is giving him difficulties these days. We finally convinced him to see the doctor. John Janisse is doing fine work as our librarian. The quiet atmosphere of the Northwest seems to agree with him. Father Dave Bauer flew in for the funeral of Father Bonner last Wednesday and had to fly right back to Vancouver. The two of them had common hockey

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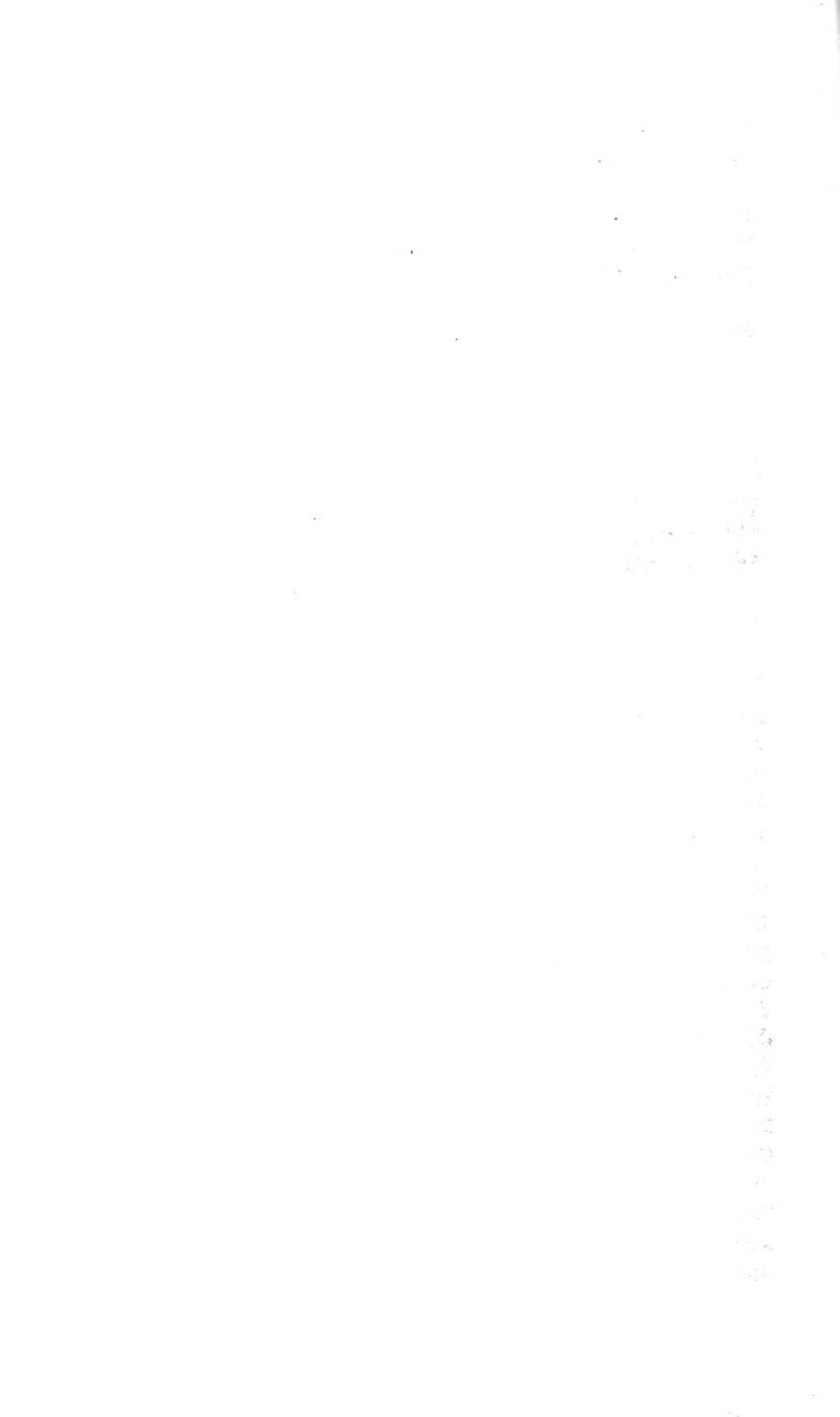
interests. Joe Courtney refers to Dave as "the myth of Vancouver". He is so rarely there.

Do hope you are well.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jim Daley

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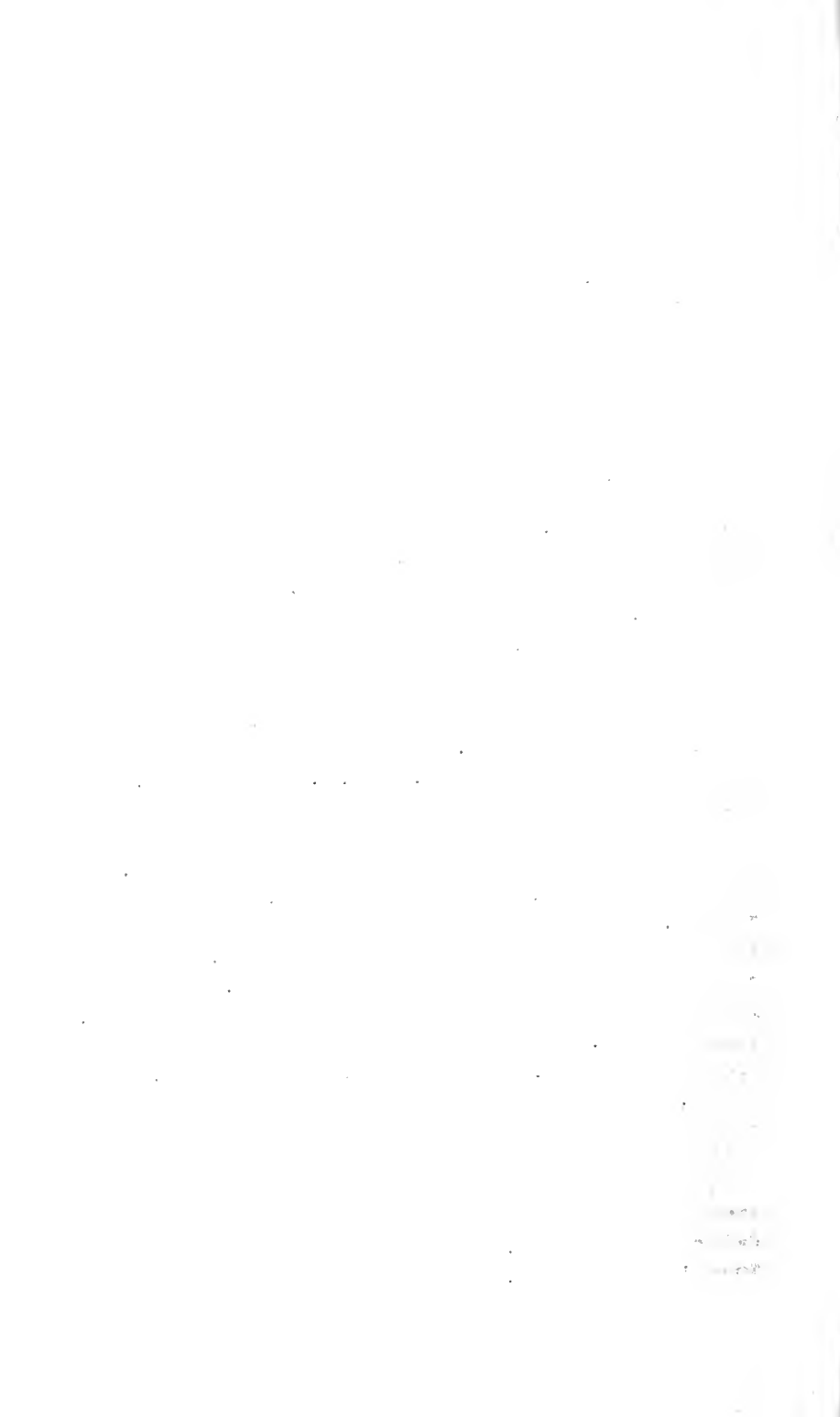
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St. Joseph's College
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Director of Student Affairs
February 22, 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

I thought you would enjoy a few details about the celebrations we had last week end for Father Basil Sullivan. May I say first, that Father was in the best of shape. In spite of a bout with the flu for three weeks, he rose to the occasion. Nig LeBel came early Friday last and is still with us.

Joe Courtney arranged the festivities in a low key (at Father Sullivan's request), but with admirable efficiency. We all concelebrated Mass last Saturday at 4.30 p.m. His Grace, Archbishop Jordan, was the principal celebrant, with Father Sullivan on his right and Jim Hanrahan on his left (representing Joe Wey). Monsignor Foran, our local pastor, gave the homily. Afterwards, Father Courtney has "Vespers", followed by a wonderful supper. Several confreres were here from out of town, in addition to Nig LeBel: Peter Swan from Saskatoon, Jack Wilson, Bernie Wenninger and Joe O'Reilly from Lethbridge, Billy Coyle, Fred Cahill, Bob Whyte, Pat Gallagher, Larry Moran and Keith Germaine from Calgary; Dan Burns was here also. He has been moved to Calgary and will be working as Chaplain at one of the hospitals there. Gerry McGuigan came with Jim Hanrahan. We all enjoyed his beard. Even Father Dore accepted Gerry's new image!!



James E. Daley
February 22, 1971

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No doubt, the Canadian Catholic Historical Association will profit much from your work as Secretary. If he is not on your list of members, you might send an application to Brother Donatus Vervoort, in care of this address. Brother belongs to the Dutch Congregation of Our Lady of Lourdes, and he is director of the Liturgy here at the College. He has all his work completed for his Ph.D., except the thesis.

There were about 50 diocesan priests who attended the festivities on Saturday, one of whom was Bob Britton. You might remember Father Britton. He was at St. Mike's in the late thirties. Father Sullivan gave a tremendous talk at the supper Saturday - mostly centered around the theme of being loyal to the Pope. Our one great mistake is that we did not arrange to get a tape recorder to record his speech and some of the recognitions given him.

Peter Swan and Oscar Regan have programmed an affair for Father Sullivan this coming weekend in Saskatoon. After that, I think Father Sullivan plans a trip to Vancouver.

If you see Father McCorkell, tell him that his cousin, Pat, was here yesterday, together with his sister, Catherine. Both looked very well. Pat is 88 this year.

Every best personal good wish, in Christ.

Jim Daley

Cardinal Flahiff was unable to be here for Father Sullivan's anniversary. His Eminence was tied up with the celebration of the 70th

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year festivities of the coming of the Basilians to Texas.

Father Sullivan was delighted with the card he received from the Seminary which contained your signature, among others. He was concerned over the fact that Father Bondy did not sign the card. *

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* This card was circulated and then sent by Robert J. Scollard. Father Bondy preferred not to sign the card because he had written a letter of congratulations to his fellow novice of the year 1914-15.



A. Leland Higgins
November 5, 1969

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Basilian Fathers Home and Foreign Missions
Northern Branch Office
P.O. Box 122
Farmington, Michigan 48024
Rev. A. Leland Higgins, C.S.B.
Mission Procurator
November 5, 1969

Dear Bob,

Thank you for your letter requesting a copy of my homily at Scotty's (John F. Collins) funeral. You're right, I never do write a sermon. I can't give it with enthusiasm and sincerity. But I did work on this one at 4:30 a.m. the morning of the funeral. I used the text from Ecclesiastes: "Be not wanting in comforting them that weep, and walk with them that mourn. Be not slow to visit the sick; for by these things thou shalt be confirmed in love." I used that theme throughout applying it to Scotty and I explained how God tried him in the crucible of suffering: 1st mentally by separation from his confreres and making him live so long alone, a very lonesome life; secondly physical suffering with all kinds of pains from disease and operations, etc.

Anyway I tried to put it on tape as best I can remember and when Mrs. Ragan finally catches up on all the work piled high on her desk, she will type it and mail it to you. It may take a while.

Scotty had a rough but happy death. He received the sacrament of the sick while still alive and he had said Mass (in great pain) that day. Take care of yourself. We need you. My regards to the confreres. God bless you.

Lee

James W. Embser
November 9, 1969

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University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77006
Sunday 11/9/69

Dear Bob,

Thanks for being secretary to the General and publishing the birthdays. We celebrated Father Joe Meyer's Birthday on Friday, Nov. 7th (1915). We usually have a concelebrated Mass. We had a homily, prayers for the faithful. The housekeeper made a cake and we had some gifts beautifully wrapped but containing food for the animals in the Biology Building. Another item which has confused me - someone sent around a page to be filled out - credits, etc. That used to be kept by the General Secretary. Why do you want another. I don't know how many credits I have, and would have to figure out my appointments from 1923 until the present. Some have made remarks about the General Administration which doesn't have that information at hand. They also want to know where you want to be five years from now. I have always gone where I have been sent. I don't think I should begin to pick and choose now. I believe I must be Anti-Vatican II when that is the way it was done.

I do not have any materials from Assumption. I did have something to do with one publication from 1925 to 1927 but never kept any of the issues. I think I had a couple bound copies but they have disappeared. I talked to Father Wilfrid Sharpe and as usual he has still kept some documents. He has described what he has and what he remembers. He has a fabulous



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memory. He demonstrates just how we should all put in our years when we can no longer work. Father Guinan shows how to put in the seventies when you can work. He puts in 18 hours a day and is still the first man up in the morning ready to advance God's kingdom for another day. Father Sharpe wrote the enclosure. If you want what he has he says he will gladly send rather I should do the parcelling and mailing. I hope what is available will help. I am thankful that you have done some writing. Really, the life of Father Wilfrid Sharpe and that of Father Vincent Guinan is so worth keeping and treasuring. I wonder if the future will produce their like. They are men of prayer whose prayer life has intensified the love of God with which they accomplish their work for Him making it all a life of prayer. Both have all the virtues and especially the theological, a real strong Faith, Hope and Charity. Father Guinan is continually doing for everyone and motivated by the Love of God. Why don't you get the old mould out and use it to form the young. I shall anticipate the reception of your book. I have read a typed volume of your lives of the brethren. Father Braden attempted to write something to be read after meals but it just didn't go over. It is difficult to make it interesting unless you know whom you are writing about.

If I can do anything to search for materials, please let me know. If you want an information Father Sharpe has in his memory, I shall be glad to ask the questions. We visited during breakfast this morning about the murder of President



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McKinley. God bless you. Keep on working and accumulate all you can. You have done so much just when it should be done.

Sincerely

J. Embser

How is Dan Burns? Does he still live?

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James W. Embser
March 20, 1970

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Dear Bob,

The news regarding your sister's death reached us and I do want to assure you that we shall offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for her on Sunday when I binate at St. Pius Church. I am sure that her passing will leave a void in your heart which sisters have the power to fill. One does have to experience these losses to know just what others are suffering. This seems to be a rather quiet time of the year around St. Thomas. We do have school each day and am thankful to be busy. Work is our greatest privilege. We are pleased with the new library and the new Dorm. The dorm is well along and should be ready by September if there are no strikes. They will begin the Library after school is out, I presume. Father Carlisle LeBel is visiting here and seems to be enjoying his visit. His brother Arthur came in from Toronto and the two boys went on to New Orleans for a few days. They should be back soon. I hope they go to Mexico as that is a very pleasant trip. I would like to take it myself some day. I had planned on going at Easter time with Father Regan (Bernard) but Father Meyers has business in Corpus Christi and has asked me to remain at home. Bernard would have been a good companion for such a trip. I took Father LeBel to Sugarland, Rosenber and Stafford on Saturday last. He enjoyed meeting the Fathers and I think that they enjoyed the visit. Father Frank Launtrie does not seem to improve very rapidly. He is a noble priest and Mexico City needs him. We celebrated St. Joseph's Day with a Mass, ginger ale and dinner. Father Leo Munnelly gave the homily and it was a masterpiece. He is a brilliant man. My turn will come on Holy



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Thursday. The University players are doing Hamlet these evenings. I may go tomorrow but may not. They have a lot of gimics, etc. in it, which I doubt if they improve on Shakespeare. We lost Mr. Cavazos last week. He was for years a very promising recruit but you could observe the change this year which culminated in his withdrawal.

God bless you Bob.

J. Embser.

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April 13, 1970

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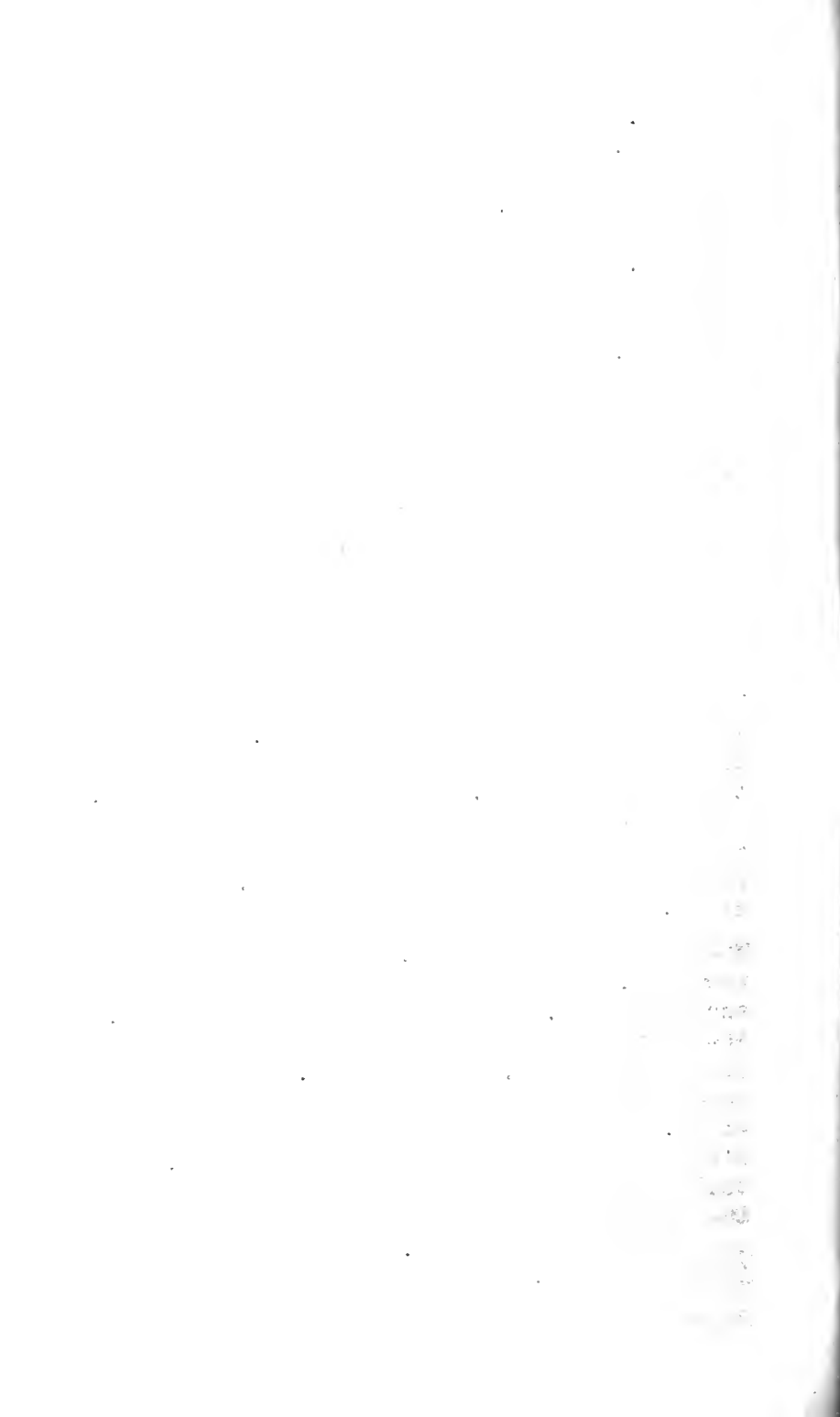
University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77006
April 13, 1970

Dear Bob,

The thought which filled my mind as I returned from Ottawa was - Thanks to God for using good priests to channel your graces and gifts into the hearts of men. I thought too of the remarks of Father McMahon's confreres, - he was the very heart of our house. Another thought which pleased me: All those flowers and all those Mass cards proclaimed the regard in which Father McMahon was held by the people with whom he had lived and worked.

On Wednesday evening Father Paul Glynn called and invited me to give the homily. The news of the death stunned me that it was difficult to think for a moment. I promised to call back. I could not help to think that I could not refuse an invitation to tell Father McMahon's friends my reactions to his life and death. I decided to go.

Thursday was a busy day. I wrote down my thoughts, I made the arrangements and procured accommodations, and left Houston at 5:30 p.m. The plane made five stops and we did arrive in Detroit at 11:45. I called St. Anne's and asked for accommodations for the rest of the night. I had to wait at the Airport until one o'clock for transportation into Detroit. The next morning I offered Mass and then sat with the Fathers in the kitchen until we had to leave for the Windsor Airport. The trip to Ottawa took two hours. How surprised I was to find



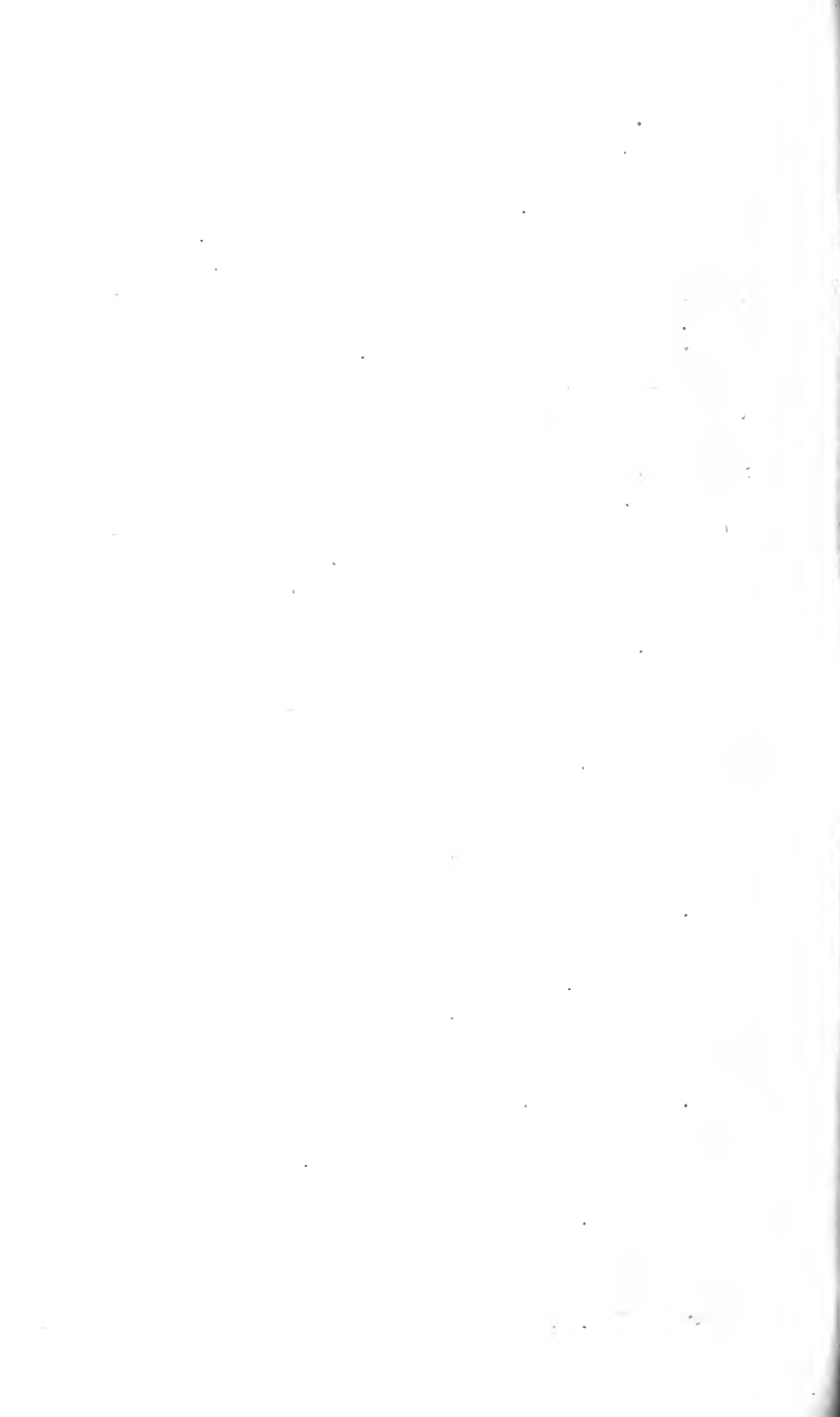
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that Archbishop, rather Cardinal Flahiff and Archbishop O'Neil were at the airport. A Mr. Conlin whose brother is pastor of St. Joseph's Church gave me a ride to the Basilian residence. There I met Dominic and Charlie McMahon, the two surviving brothers. I had last met them at their mother's funeral 25 years before. I was so impressed by the crowd who filed in to pay their last respects to Father Edward McMahon. Everyone remarked what he had done for them. Another source of delight was the fact that he was clothed in white vestments. It all seemed so appropriate. Another sign of the high regard for Father was the many floral tributes. The room, the chapel was filled with flowers. These were used to flank the altar at the funeral Mass. All evening Basilian Fathers arrived from everywhere. Being Saturday school work did not prevent the Basilians from coming. They came in great numbers. After the people departed there was one of the grandest gatherings of Basilians that one could be privileged to attend. Seventy pages of names listed those who signed. Many neglected this duty.

The next morning 51 priests concelebrated at the funeral Mass. Father William Young represented the Superior General. Another 30 priests were seated in a section reserved for them. The church was crowded with many standing in the rear. Father A. John Ruth read the prayers after Mass, that section which called now I believe the departure ceremony. We then journeyed to the Cemetery where Father James Martin read the prayers.

We returned to the Basilian residence where we had dinner and visited until Father Wilfrid Dwyer and E.J. McCorkell drove us to the airport.



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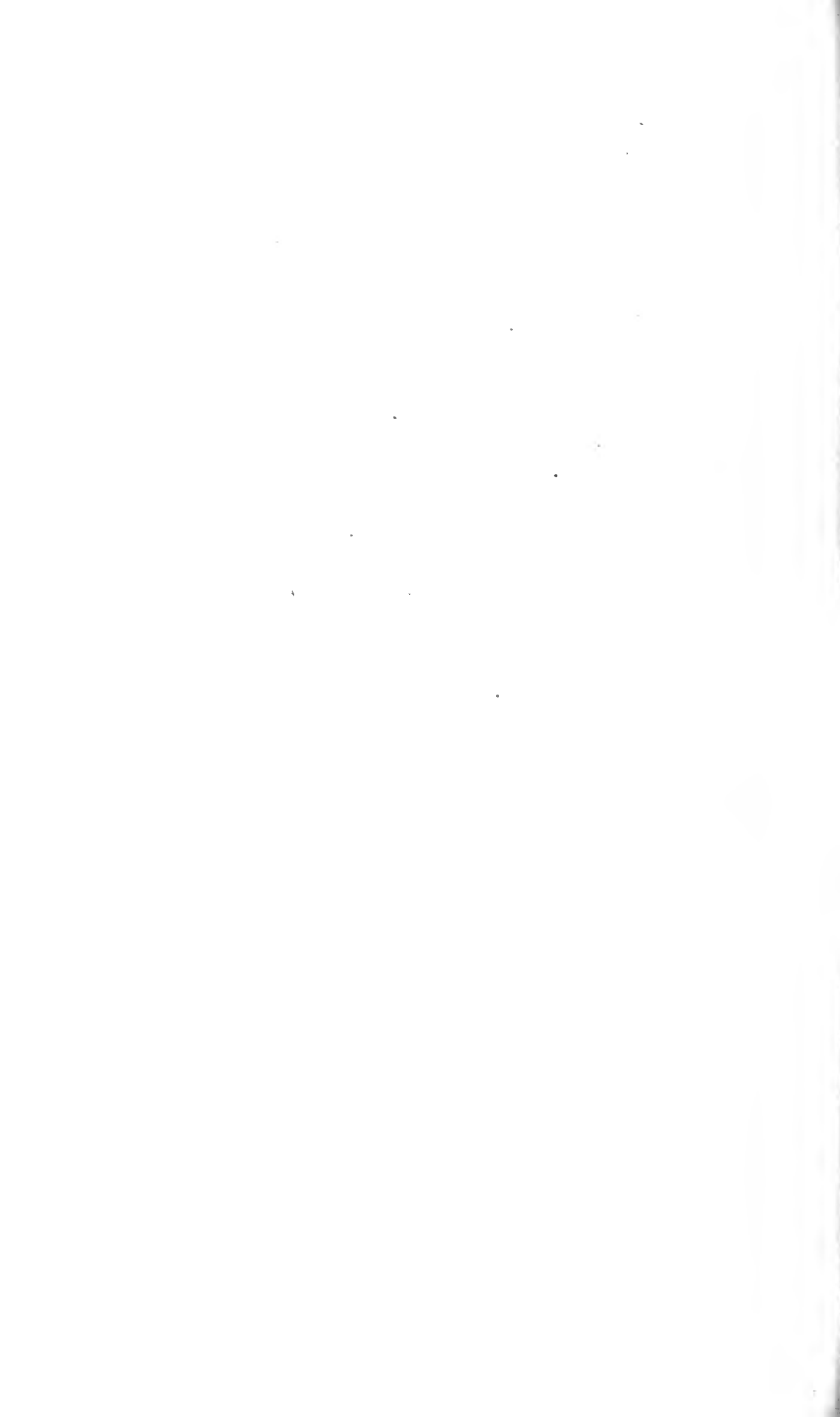
I stopped over night in Amherstburg and offered the 10:30 Mass on Sunday morning. We then set out for Detroit where I visited George Naumann who drove me to the Detroit Airport. The plane took off at 6:30. It was good not to have to depend on public transportation. I could only thank God for such fulfillment and for such a sad but happy experience. It is time for school now. Please pray for Father McMahon and for all of us.

Devotedly yours in Our Lord,

James W. Embser.

I always appreciated the matter you sent me. I hope you don't consider this pride in sending you my manuscript.

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James W. Embser
October 10, 1970

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Dear Bob,

I am in a difficulty. I have never found you incorrect, nor have I ever found Leo Munnelly make a mistake. I quoted you on the fact that Joseph M. Kennedy died in 1938. Leo claims it was 1935. He associated several other events with his death. I don't know what to do. I know you will clear up this problem for me.

Another problem. On the October sheet listing the anniversaries, the name John F. Collins appears. In your book there are only two Collins - Charles whom we all know and John Bernard. John Bernard's death date is Feb. 24th. I would like to get these details reconciled. Did John F. exist? *

We expect Father George Freemesser Monday. I hope he will save Drs. Braden a lot of time. We take much of their time.

The Hippies are having a fiesta on our Mall. Lel Munnelly would like to call fire down from heaven to devour them. Father Hugh Haffey is in his element.

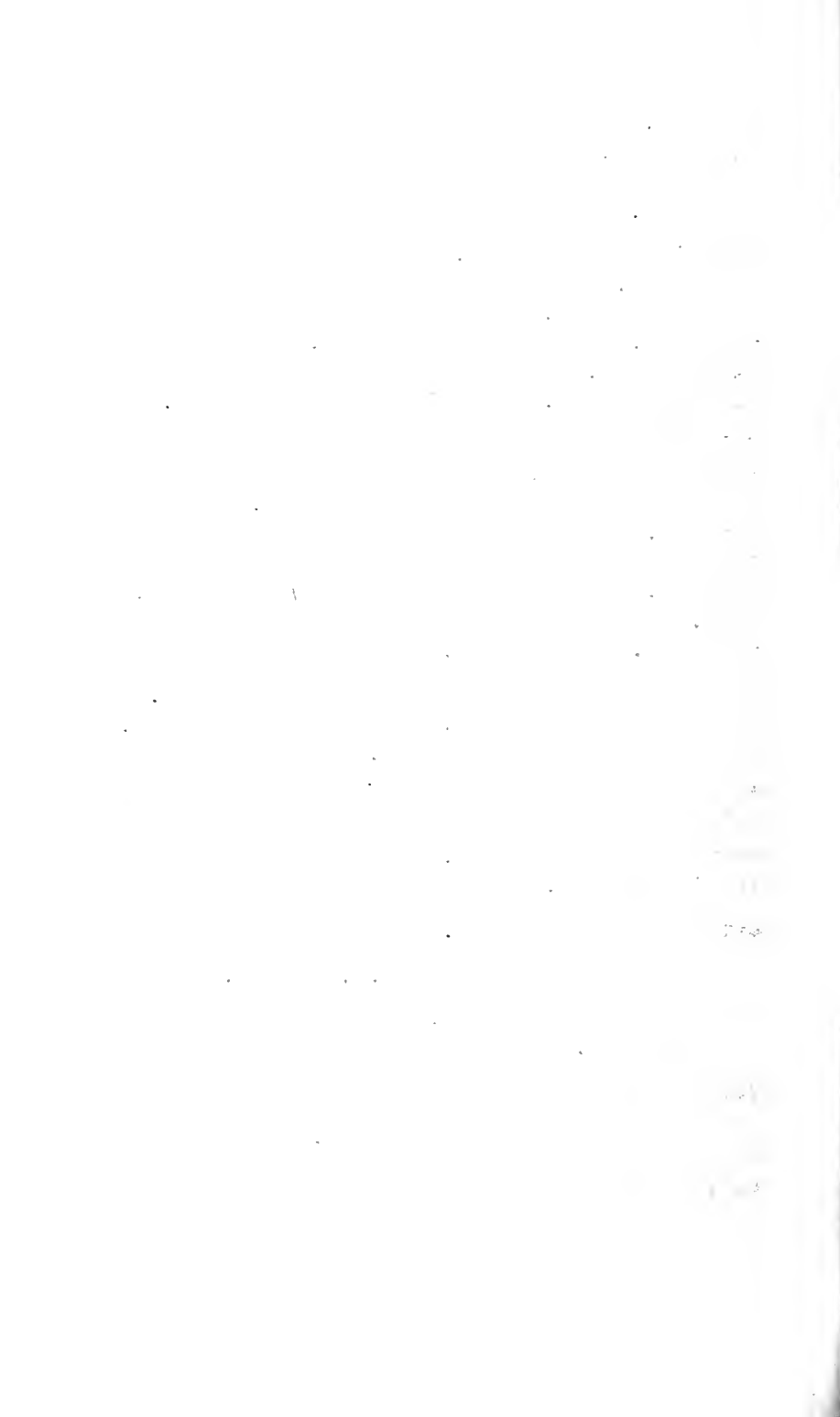
Devotedly in Our Lord.

J.W. Embser.

* OK I just remembered. Please put out a supplement.

Give my best to Dean Mendenhall.

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James W. Embser
December 1970

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University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77006

Dear Bob,

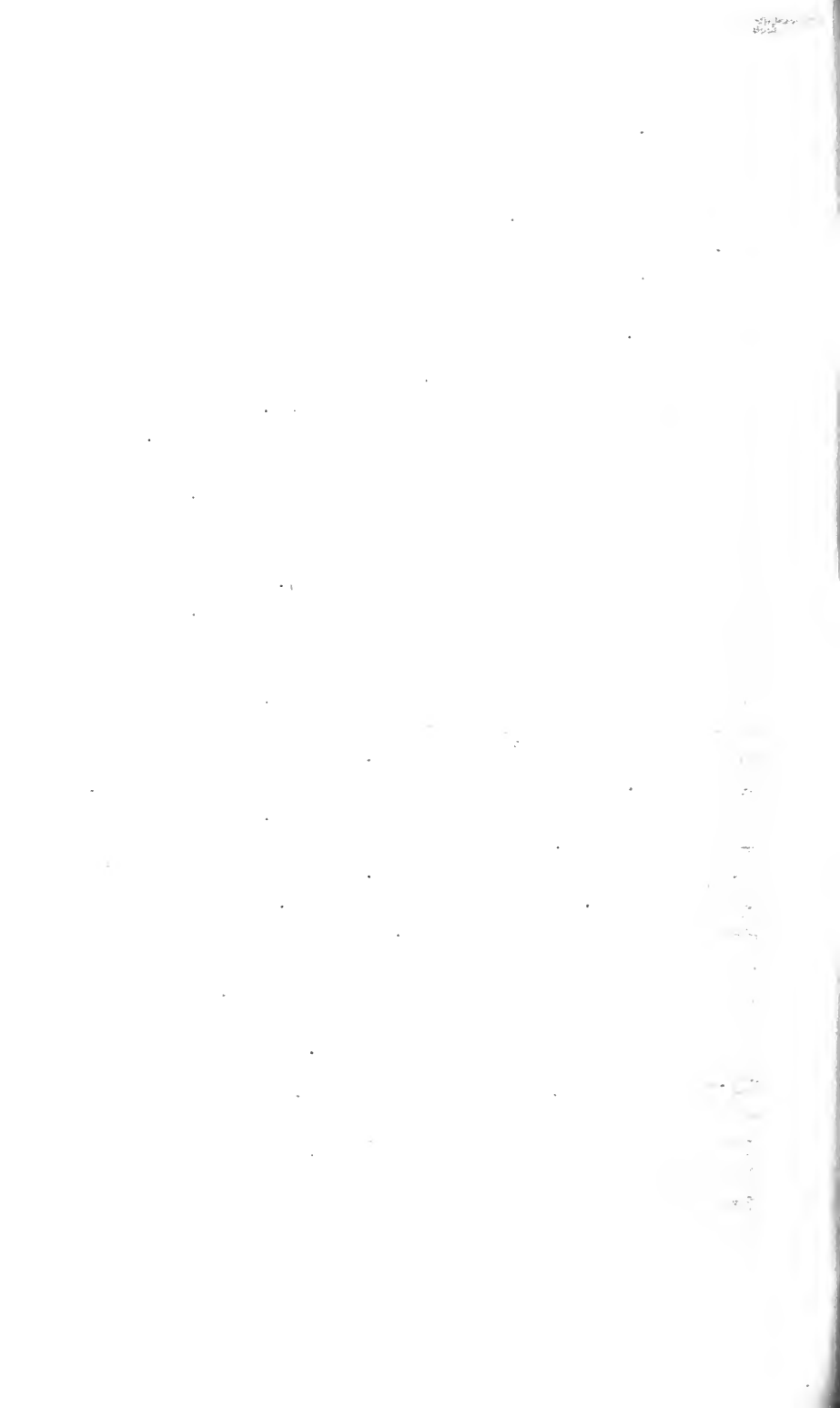
Thanks for your letter. I relayed your message to Father Schiefen and Father W.J. Sheehan and hope that they accomplished your requests. I would like to ask you if you could send me 7 or 8 copies that green Basilian Vademecum. It is the best and most helpful of any of those books. I do try to help some of these seminarians. They want prayers, hunger for it, and many are disgusted with many of the substitutes. All one can do is to stress the fact that the responsibility rests on the individual and urge them to accept the responsibility. I admire you who keep on going - without ever worrying about the conditions today. It is the best way to do it, for what can one do other than that. Father Ed Garvey wants to do more. I hope he is successful. He is on the right track but his method is not the best. However one can't have it all. God bless you, Bob. Thanks for all throughout the years.

Devotedly in Our Lord,

J. Embser

Give my best to Dean Mendenhall.

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James W. Embser
February 14, 1971

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Dear Bob,

Thanks for your letter and the sermon. I always like to read those homilies. I thought that I could write volumes on those novitiate years but when I attempted to put my pen to the paper, I found that I had little to write. Life in the Novitiate is very prosaic, not much poetry in it. However I shall write something this week and send it to you. Father Wilfrid Sharpe has your letter presently and I shall get whatever he does and send both. Today, Sunday, I shall go to St. Thomas High School in 20 minutes and attend Cardinal Goerge Glahiff's Mass and listen to his homily. I must return for Benediction at 5:00. We had a beautiful evening with him on Friday. It was strictly a Basilian reception and most enjoyable. We have had a busy week end. I just now, 2:00, returned from Sunday work. Our weather is ideal and it would be wonderful if it would stay as it is for the rest of the year. School is going well. Father Ed Garvey has received much praise for his effort in Hamilton and Kitchener. I presume that the Baum and Dewart contingent heard of his remarks. Of course they will not be changed. Perhaps you could tell me if they should. I often think of how the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies furnished Thomistic thought for the entire continent and gave marvelous leadership and now from what I hear we are getting neither spiritual nor intellectual leadership from Toronto. I used to be proud of Basilian accomplishments. What is one to think at present? I am so far away that



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I don't know and you are too charitable to tell me what you think. I don't like to hear about the Seminary now. We hear it is a WMCA. Well cheer up.

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James W. Embser
February 15, 1971

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University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77006
February 15, 1971.

Dear Father Scollard,

When I received your letter, I thought that I could write a volume about the novitiate, but when I tried I was not very successful. It seems that there is so much which could not be published. And you have available all the records which will give you the dates of clothing and First Vows. You also have the lists of those who withdrew and I am sure that you can easily compile a list of those who have been ordained and have since withdrawn. I talked to Father Wilfrid Sharpe for some time and we have both found it difficult to write anything which might help in any way.

Father Sharpe remembers the difficulty in opening the Rochester Novitiate. He was asked to preach the opening retreat. There were no trained novices to help with the office and recreation. He had to give the conferences, teach them how to say the office, organize the recreation and console those who were homesick.

He recalls the difficulties with the draft boards in the beginning. He thinks that Bishop Kearney helped in this matter. It was impossible to get deferment unless the novices was registered in an institution in existence before the war got under way.

He remembers too that in 1945 the title of the assistant was changed to Confessor rather than Spiritual Director. We both felt that the ac-



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comodations were adequate. The rapport between the Superior and Bursar and the Master of Novices was very good. The novices used to dispose of the paper and etc. They used to line up the different bottles which illustrated the different kinds of liquor that the Fathers used, also the different types of beer canas. The Lynch sisters, Grace and Cecilia, provided the best of meals which seemed to please the novices. Father Vincent Eckert worked too hard in teaching the methods of farming but he has worked too hard all his life. Tillie Neuman gave fine laundry service with the help of the novices. During my time there were four superiors, Fathers William Duggan, John O'Loane, Eugene Cullinane, and E.P. Magee. Father Peter Etlinger and Bud Cullen did a superb job in decorating the chapel. For a former novice master one wonders why so many of these novices who were so fine and from good families did not persevere, especially those who defected after ordination. What should have been done that was not done? Of course it is too late now.

Father Sharpe recalls that his last class that there were 12 professed and 12 ordained which certainly is a remarkable record.

I must say that we are using your book on the lives of the Basilians to provide reading for after meals. You have done a great work there. Keep up your good work. God bless you and I only wish that I could be a help to you.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

J.W. Embser

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James W. Embser
May 6, 1971

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University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77006
5-6-71

Dear Bob,

Being so well acquainted with the vital statistics of all in the Congregation, you likely know that yesterday was my birthday. I need not tell you how many years ago because you are not far behind me, perhaps a couple of years. It was the last day of school. The students put on picnics during each class. It was hard to teach. Since I started to teach girls, they purchase cake mix and stir one up in a hurry. The boys did the decorating. One class came with a bottle (gallon) of wine. They presented a painting, the product of an art student. A group of 15 came in the evening and invited me - rather insisted that I go out for dinner. Well, to make a long story short, the entertainers came and sang happy birthday. I had to stand up and acknowledge their kindness. I felt like a wretched creature.

Your letters always contain so much news and when I write, it seems that there is so little to tell you. Father Basil Sullivan spent three weeks with us. I enjoyed his visit very much. Msgr. Forhan was with him. We visited the Rothko chapel twice. It is hard to discover the message unless it is despair. When you come we shall see it. The broken obelisk does signify a broken life, a broken business, the broken Jesuits (financially). They have my sympathy. It is hard enough when all goes well to run a school these days. The big project just now seems to be the acquiring of a home

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in the area for priests who are retired. I used to think that it was better for those retired to stay on where they had spent much of their lives. It seems strange to have several doing nothing all day and in a strange part of the country.

It is interesting to hear that after thirty years you have found the sermon given at Jim Whelan's funeral. I still remember the details which proved that Jim was one of Father Henry Carr's boys, his encounter with Mrs. Whelan, etc. Your research on May - the Saturday devotions and the Month of May - was interesting. I wish that people would still value Mary. She meant a lot in my life and I am grateful to Fathers T.V. Moylan and L.J. Bondy and others who helped me in her regard. Surely the Second Vatican Council did nothing to degrade here, although an episcopal minister's wife one day said to me that the Council put Mary in her place. I did not try to change her mind and left her in her satisfaction and conviction. One has to be disposed for conversion. Fathers Ed Garvey and Hugh Haffey will have sabbatical years. Father Haffey was relieved of his responsibility as head of the Education Department. He took a few days to get used to the idea. He seems to be adjusted now and is making great plans for his sabbatical year. I wish that the seminary life was such that Dean Mendenhall would have remained. He is such a talented young man and I would be confident that he could handle any work. It takes the desire to work on another away. If we have nothing to offer, it seems that we are doing an injustice to invite youth to follow us. Richard

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May 6, 1971

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Schiefel just composed a letter to send to the General Council. I read it and signed it. I hope that you see it.

The library will not be finished for September but it was not expected to be and furthermore we are adequately cared for without it. The present facilities are satisfactory. What we need are books. I hope that Father Vadnais will do a good job here.

We were not represented at Assumption's festivities. It is hard to get excited about things around there. It used to be a place where we loved to be - now I wonder. The motivation seems to be loads of money and the bank account which you can acquire. I am afraid that I am getting cynical. I must avoid that. Your letters are always positive and contain interesting information. God bless you Bob and keep up your good work.

Devotedly in Our Lord,

James W. Embser

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Wilfrid C. Sharpe
November 9, 1969

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I have 27 numbers of Frank Mallon's Alumni Chatter, which I would be glad to send to Bob if he wants them, though they are not in complete sequence. Also a copy of "Old Boys 1870-1920" compiled by Dan Dillon for the reunion of 1927. I have nothing from the Purple and White.

Assumption College Review was started by Father W.J. Roach. The first number came out in February 1908. He was assisted by a staff of ten of the students. I had a picture of the ten for a good many years. I threw it away in 1963 when I was unloading on leaving Texas. Assumption must have a copy of the picture, because it was reprinted in a publication not so many years ago. I was one of the ten. The other nine were:

Terence Kelly, from Lansing, Michigan, Editor-in-Chief, later pastor of All Saints Church, Detroit.

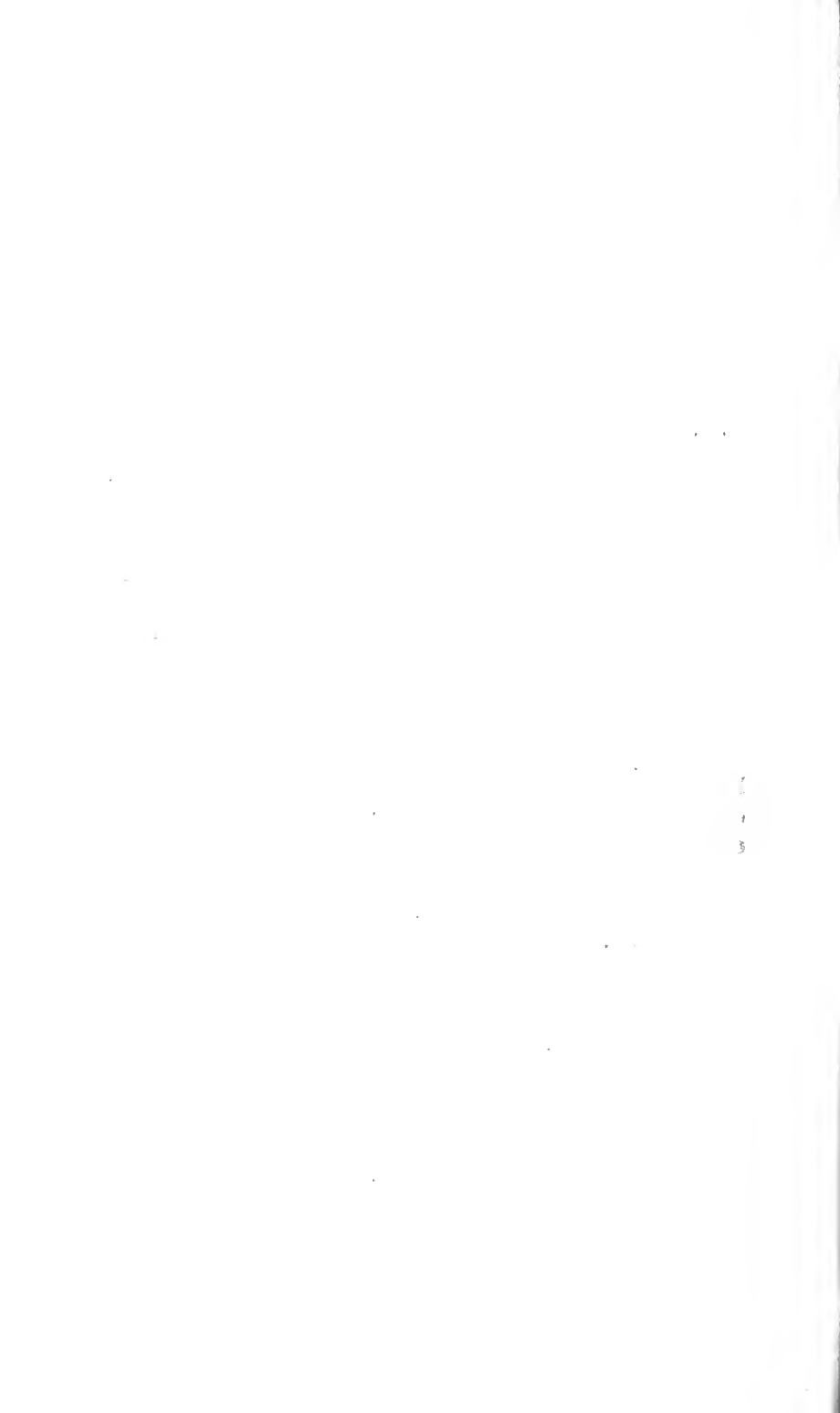
John Hackett, of Dowagiac, Michigan, later Monsignor at Kalamazoo and Vicar General of Lansing Diocese.

Andrew Parnell Mahoney, from Dresden, Ontario, later V.G. of London diocese and Rector of St. Peter's Seminary. Now living at the St. Joseph's Sisters Motherhouse in London.

Maurice Walsh, from Palms, Michigan, later Monsignor and pastor of St. Philip's Church, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Peter Jordan, from Morrice, Michigan, later a pastor in Detroit diocese.

William Gannon, later a pastor in Detroit diocese.



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November 9, 1969

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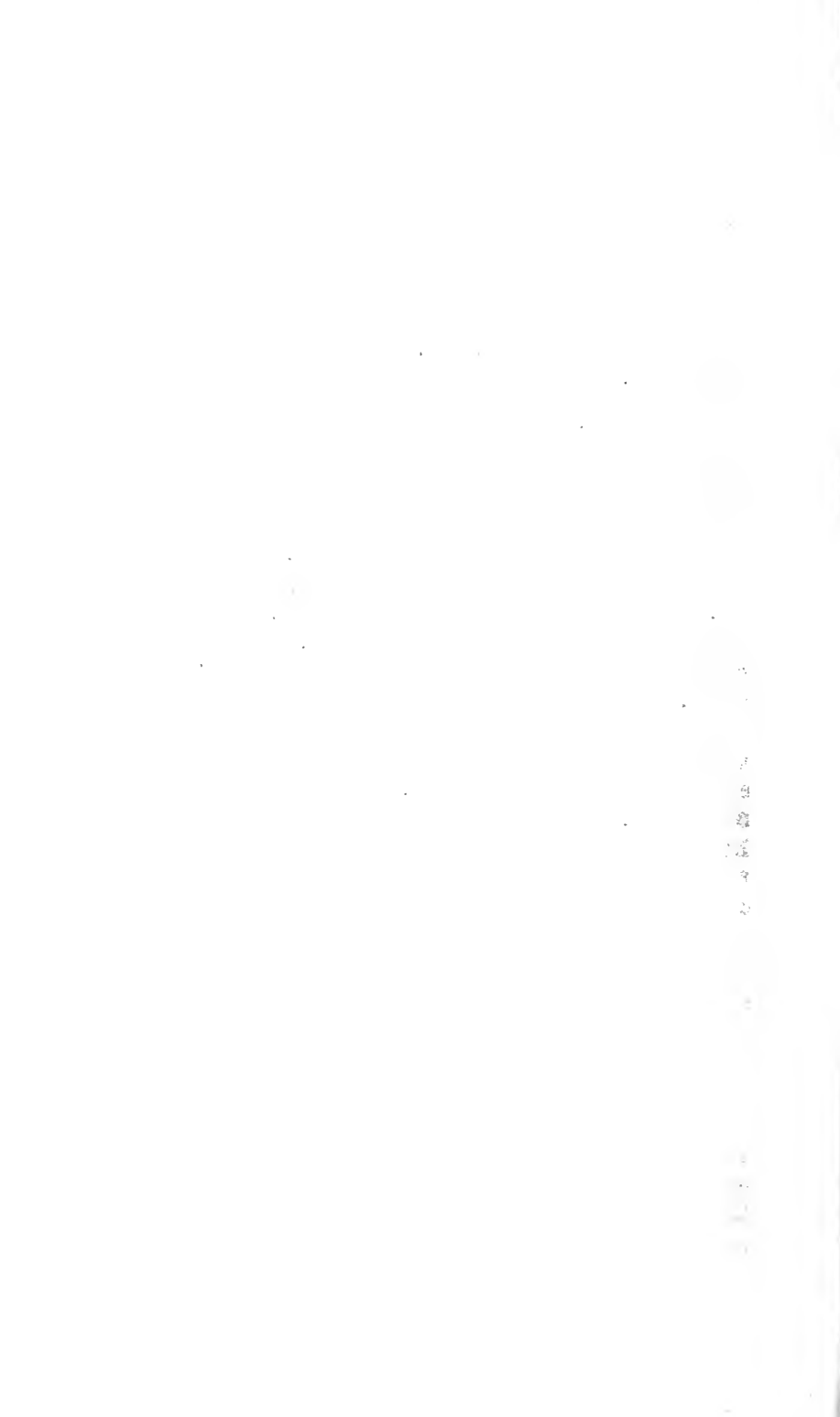
William Robinson, later a Franciscan Father (OFM). I think he is still living in a Franciscan house in the Eastern States.

James Harding, from London, later Father Michael Harding, O.F.M., of St. Bonaventure's, New York.

Fred Minich, from Lansing, Michigan, the only one of the ten who did not become a priest, though on finishing college in 1910, he was seriously considering entering our novitiate.

After the first five numbers, i.e. in the summer of 1908, I left Assumption College for St. Basil's College, Waco, Texas. I remember getting a few numbers in Texas. It might have continued for a year or two; I couldn't be sure.

(Enclosure sent with a letter of Father James Embser of the same date. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



Wilfrid C. Sharpe
January 16, 1969

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University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77006
Basilian Fathers
January 16, 1969

Dear Bob:

I enjoyed your letter telling about the 81st birthday party of my old teammate. Yes, God has certainly blessed our group with length of years. Even Luke Beuglet has a good long life, but was much older than the rest of us, as he had worked in a bank in Tilbury before he came to Assumption College to study.

We had a party here yesterday for the 70th birthday of Father Vincent Guinan. It was a regular summer day, as is also today. The same day in 1942 was about the coldest day of the year in Rochester, New York, the day they moved from down town residence to 402 Augustine. So they told me when I arrived six months later. John Meyer had the feast of St. Paul the Hermit on our Benediction List from then on, as commemorating the advent to 402.

Houston is hosting 14,000 Home Builders from all over the United States at a convention here. Among the executives attending was Tom Slattery. He saw in the paper that Carl Allnoch had died, and he came out to the High School for the Rosary at the wake. Afterwards he joined us in a get-together in the Community Room at the residence. He was very appreciative of the kind reception on the part of the brethren. On departing he said, "Don't forget to say a prayer for me."

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January 16, 1969

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Father Hugh Haffey had a cataract removed during the Christmas holidays and is coming along fine. I think he was a bit worried before the operation but has been in good spirits ever since.

The rest of the brethren are fine. Houston has a few cases of the new "flu" but they say there is no epidemic.

Remember me to all the brethren, especially to my old friend, Bill Murray. Give my best wishes to Louie Bondy on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee.

Wishing you God's choicest blessings,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

W.C. Sharpe, C.S.B.

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Robert G. Miller
December 7, 1969

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
Dec. 7, 1969

Dear Bob -

Thanks for your very full and welcome letter! Forgive the delay. Rather than wait longer for time to write an adequate and friendly replay as I should let me just cite some facts re the Catholic Action Priests Magazine.

1. I have all the back numbers. (I think)
2. I want to keep them. I have only one copy.
3. I don't know who else might have a set.
4. If thought important they could be xeroxed.
5. Vol. 1, No. 1, began May 1946 and the
6. Magazine was a monthly except for a combined issue in July-August of the summer.
7. It ended, I believe, when I left. It ended so far as I know with the issue of July-August 1948, Vol. 3, No. 3 & 4.
8. I believe the Diocese then asked the subscribers if they wanted money back. I hope none did.

Bill Gibbons is here with bits of news of who is taying and who is leaving, etc. Ordinations next Saturday, a good class we all hope. The magazine was called Catholic Action Priests Magazine. I was editor all thru its life with Associate editors from Regina, Edmonton, Calgary and Winnipeg. All for now.

Very best Bob,

Bob Miller, C.S.B.

E.P. "Jim" Magee
January 15, 1969

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St. Thomas High School
Basilian Fathers
4500 Memorial Drive
Houston, Texas 77007
January 15, 1969

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your nice letter. It is always a pleasure to get the little tid bits which you have on hand.

I just got back from Sunday work and was sitting in the community room, when someone asked me had I heard about Carl Allnoch. I said no - what happened? They said he was dead. I almost fell off the chair.

Father James Wilson's sermon was a masterpiece. I looked in his room but could not find a copy. He is in Toronto now. He may have a copy with him.

I was sorry you could not make it to Houston last summer. I was ready to show you the sights.

Father Jack Wick has been back at the house for the last week. He is still very weak and will not be able to teach the rest of the year. Bill Duggan is in good shape, playing the odd game of golf.

Thanks again for the letter and also the notes you sent with the Newsletter. I always enjoyed them and was pleased by your thoughtfulness. Hope to see you next summer,

Jim Magee.

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Michel Delgène
January 20, 1969

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Maison Saint-Basile
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre
Issy-les Moulineaux (Seine)
January 20, 1969

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you so much for your letter written on Nov. 18, 1968. I should have answered you a long time ago, but as you know well it is difficult to do everything we would like to accomplish.

Thank you so much for all the news you gave me in your letter. I shall be happy to read your Dictionary of Basilian Biography when it gets out. I was also glad to have news regarding The Basilian Teacher since we had not received our copy.

Here in Paris things are rather quiet in the house. We had a very good visitation with Father Bill Young. Our group this year is a quiet one, with may be an exception for Denis April who is too quiet since he spends most of his time in bed!

Calm, or rather apparent calmness seems to be over here. However people are really unsettled, especially in the secondary system where teaching has become a real challenge, that is not to teach first and foremost but most simply to survive.

That which seems obvious is that we pay the bill for what took place in May. Many priests sided with the ones who revolted and yet now we see that these same young excited ones deny all form of authority in Church, deny anything they cannot grasp by reason or their own intelligence and



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since that last one does not seem to be very wide we cannot be surprised at the results.

In France, that is within the French community we have a new commission for the "new apostolate". A scholastic has been elected as president. It is Gerard Mathevet. There are two priests and two scholastics in the group.

Everyone in Annonay seems well. Father Thiollier who teaches Philosophy and is a diocesan priest had a tumor just next to his eye, so he lost it. They took him to Lyons for the surgery and he should be back in Annonay in the next few days, but he won't be able to teach for several weeks.

We had several visitors for the Christmas holidays. Dick Schieffen spent three weeks with us. I believe he is a bit lonely in England. Bob Barringer came also, along with Ian Boyd. I met Murray Bogdasavich in Annonay where he stayed for two weeks.

Our scholastics were all over as it is now a custom. Some went to the Mt. Dore and they found some snow. The French group was in Annonay.

I am still working fairly hard in the business of catechetics. It is a difficult thing and many a times I think Basilians dream when they think that kind of work is the answer for our apostolate. To go to a school where you have so little contact with the students, know so little of the school makes you wonder of what good you can really accomplish under such circumstances!

All over here in Paris there seems to be a real crisis with the priests. They want to work in

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factories, get married, etc. All this on their form of life wouldn't be too serious if it were not accompanied with or by a "new theology" which really denies most of the dogma: resurrection never took place, just an act of faith of the disciples, no original sin, no virginal birth, etc. Let us not speak about grace, a principle for authority coming from God.

Sam Femiano was in Paris last week. He stayed three days and was much interested in the May movement.

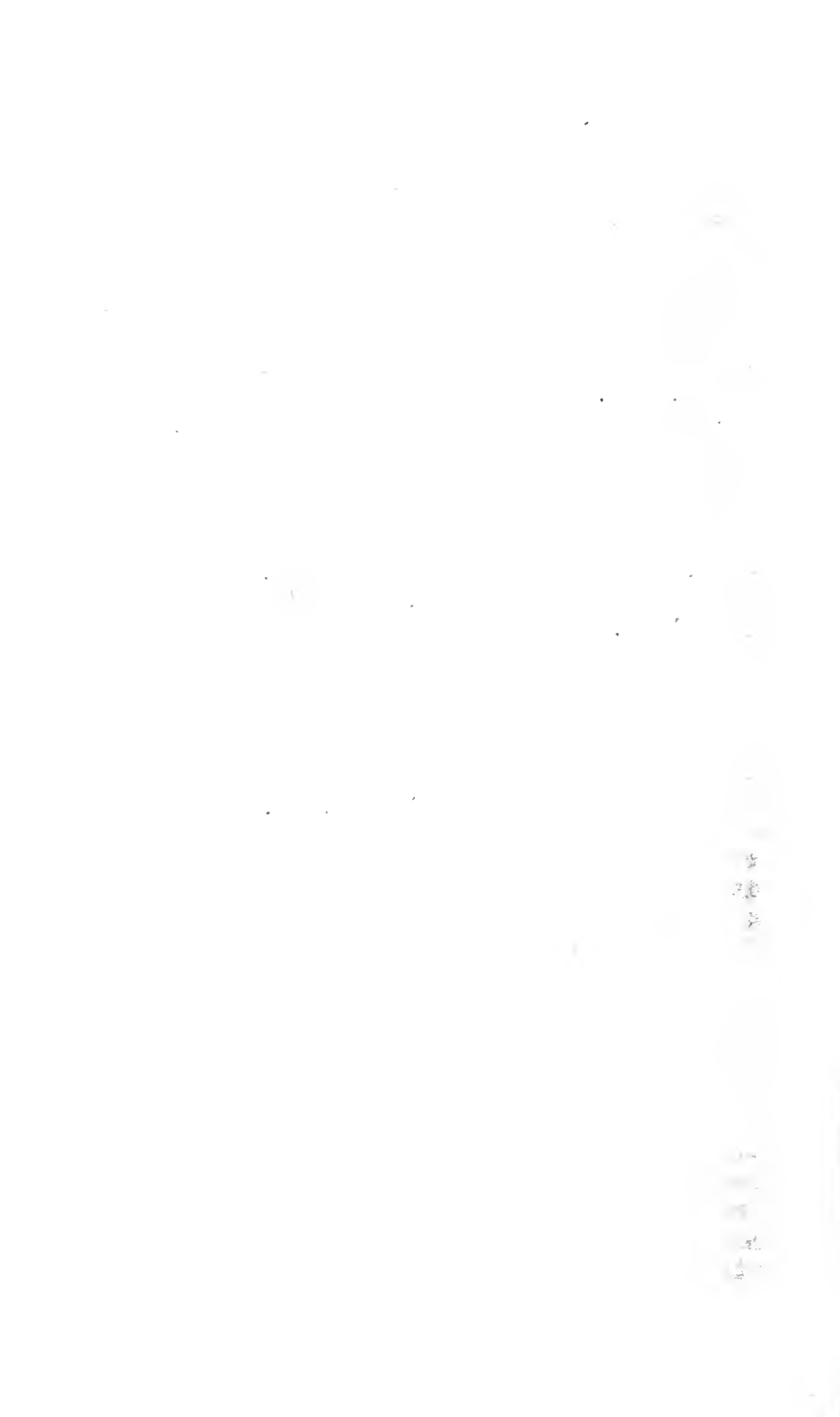
Well, that's all for today Father. May God bless you and your work. Regards to all the confrères.

Heureuse et sainte année 1969!

Sincerely yours in Christ

Michel Deglène, c.s.b.

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June 15, 1970

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Dear Father Scollard,

Sorry for being so late in answering your last two letters; I really had a heavy schedule and there are times when I get behind with my work.

I hope you are in good condition and enjoying the beginning of the summer period now that the school year is over. Here in Paris we have two more weeks to go and they are going to be busy ones. All of our scholastics will have left by June 29th.

Last Friday we had St. Basil's dinner and Fathers Alfred Caird and Joseph Meyers arrived just during the meal. We had Mass the next morning since on Sunday there are so few people in our house.

In Annonay it seems they could not agree in designating a candidate who would become their superior in September. They would like Father Roure to accept a third term of office. They also had lots of problems regarding the future of their school in Annonay and it seems the diocesan authority decided or rather imposed a decision on us. Father Marcel Lextraire will be going to the Synod this summer.

You asked me about missing magazines in your collection. Two scholastics are willing to look for them, but since it takes quite a lot of time to do so, they will search for them only in September.

Charlie Principe is working really hard on his doctorate but it seems to be so large a subject that I really wonder when he can finish it. I hope he does not become a second Father Francis Firth!

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I wish you Father a good summer. Please give my best regards to all our confreres in Toronto.

May God bless you and your work.

P. Michel Deglène.

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Edmund J. McCorkell
January 28, 1969

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
Jan 28, 1969

Dear Bob,

I am not clear in mind whether I should badger you or Wally Platt for pictures to garnish the Henry Carr biography. But I shall soon have to get moving and when I go to Toronto for the Institute degree ceremony on January 31, and for the Gilson lectures during the second week in February I shall have to push the matter. You have been so obliging that I dislike pressuring you, but you are the one who gets things done.

Bob Lowrey has done something in locating athletic pictures - and Bernard Black too.

I have in mind assembling twenty pictures (the number Griffin asked for in order that he might have a choice). These should include: St. Mark's College. (Father Oliver has sent this I think). St. Thomas More College, old and new. (I am in touch with Peter Swan) St. Michael's College when Father Carr arrived (1897). St. Michael's College now, with Carr Hall. The Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies Building. The St. Michael's College Hockey Team 1908. (Perhaps Year Book of 1910 might have it) The S.M.C. Football Team 1914. (The Year Book of 1915 has a good picture). The S.M.C. Football team 1925. (The team Father LeBel played on). Bernard Holland, Joseph McGahey, Basil Sullivan, Precious Blood Convent as it was, Novitiate on St. Clair Avenue West at Tweedsmuir Avenue, the four superiors general (1954 picture), picture of Joe Dooley, Carr,

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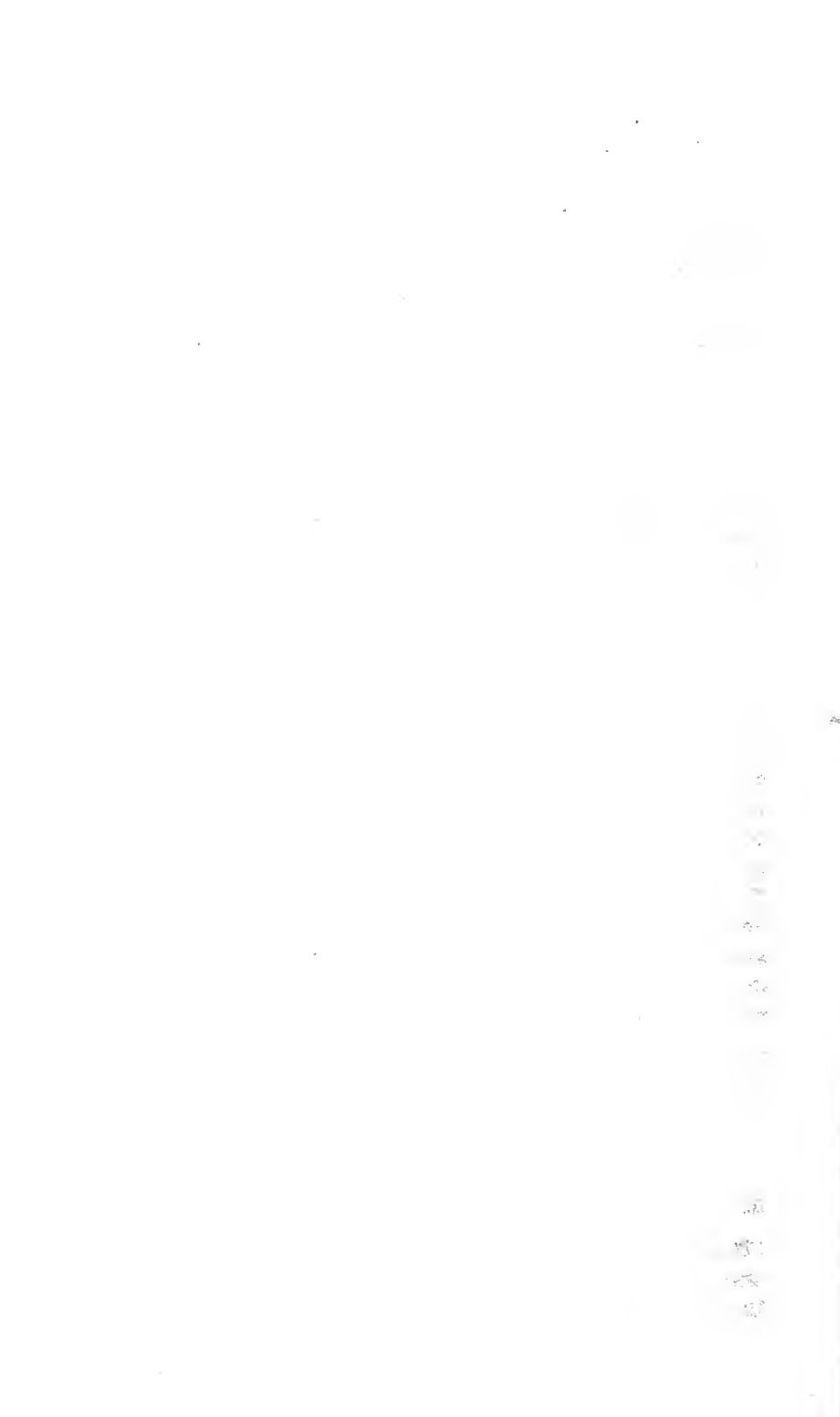
William Roach, McCorkell, Assumption College in Carr's time on the staff, Assumption University today, University College, Victoria College, Trinity College.

Can you suggest others, or better ones?

Sincerely

Ed McCorkell

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Charles J. Lavery
March 5, 1969

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
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Reverend Robert Scollard, C.S.B.
St. Basil's Seminary
95 St. Joseph Street
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Dear Bob,

Thanks for your letter of February 25. It seemed like old times to hear from you and to get some news. I read the bulletin with interest and sent it on to Bob Gullo. We are making some progress but very slowly with Nazareth on the question of library development. I do hope, however, to rack the iron curtain one of these days.

Frazer Poole of Washington is now acting as our consultant and he has reviewed Bob's new program for the library and will be here with us next week. We will thus end up with two sets of plans for the library or a compromised one. You might get in a car one of these days and come over and act as a further consultant. We were all surprised to hear of Father McCorkell's delay and I am sure he is now preparing for his return to Toronto!

Give my regards to Frank Boland, Clare Malone and all the cripples! Kinest wishes.

Sincerely in Christ,

Charles J. Lavery, C.S.B.

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Reverend Robert Scollard, C.S.B.
95 St. Joseph Street
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Dear Bob,

A brief note to acknowledge your letter and your report of the Library which I have found in my brief look at it most interesting. I guess we are all looking in the same direction toward the avoidance of duplication and likewise facing the realism of increasing costs.

I appreciate your kind thoughts re my supposed influence with Cardinal Flahiff! However, I must tell you that the reason for his appearance here was a year-old request from the Sisters of St. Joseph to give the keynote address to open their Chapter! In his gracious manner he did, however, come and spend a couple of days with us and I guess it was for that reason that he thought he had better stop in Toronto!

We had a wonderful visit and he gave, as you might well imagine, a brilliant address to the Sisters. We had a Reception here for him for the Board of Trustees and the neighboring pastors and friends and he was honored by the appearance of Bishop Kearney at the Reception and the Most Reverend Fulton Sheen spent forty-five minutes with him in my office! We touched all bases and I gather all are happy.

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A highlight of his visit was the arrival of E.L. Rush who apparently is inspired by the Holy Spirit to time his visits and hit the jackpot! I saw you at a distance a week ago when I brought Father E.J. McCorkell over for his last appointment but time did not permit my staying any longer to see you and get the dope as well as see the new library. You are overdue for a visit here and I would be happy to see you.

My wishes and prayers,

Charles J. Lavery, C.S.B.

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Reverend Robert Scollard, c.s.b.
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Dear Bob,

I had hoped long before this to write and acknowledge your letter of January 21 and the one prior to that, and I am delighted to know that you received the copies of the homily and that you have acted as my agent in submitting it to others! Thanks for your own publicity which is now in our library and I have suggested that they keep in touch with you and gather all material for our own files.

I am leaving at the moment for a trip to San Antonio to speak about the future of Catholic higher education! I suspect they wish to find out about my heretical views insofar as we are now getting State aid. I will try to give you further information when I return.

Kindest wishes,

Charles J. Clavery, C.S.B.

February 5, 1971

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Basil F. Glavin
March 12, 1969

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St. Mary's Church
554 15th Street East
Owen Sound, Ont.
March 12, 1969

Dear Bob:

I was happily surprised to receive your card today with information on Irish Block Church. Hope your trip to Montreal was worth while and your visit to John Mullins a pleasant one. All are well here, except Vince Thompson, who has a bad head cold. Weather is cool but clear.

Many thanks -

Basil F. Glavin.

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Thomas R. McGillis
March 17, 1969

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Iona Academy
St. Raphael's West, Ont.
March 17/69

Dear Father Scollard:

I received your card mailed from Montreal.
(At any rate I think it was from you)

If you recall passing through Lancaster, a village about twelve miles east of Cornwall and the sign Alexandria, that is the exist for St. Raphael's. We are about six miles north of 401.

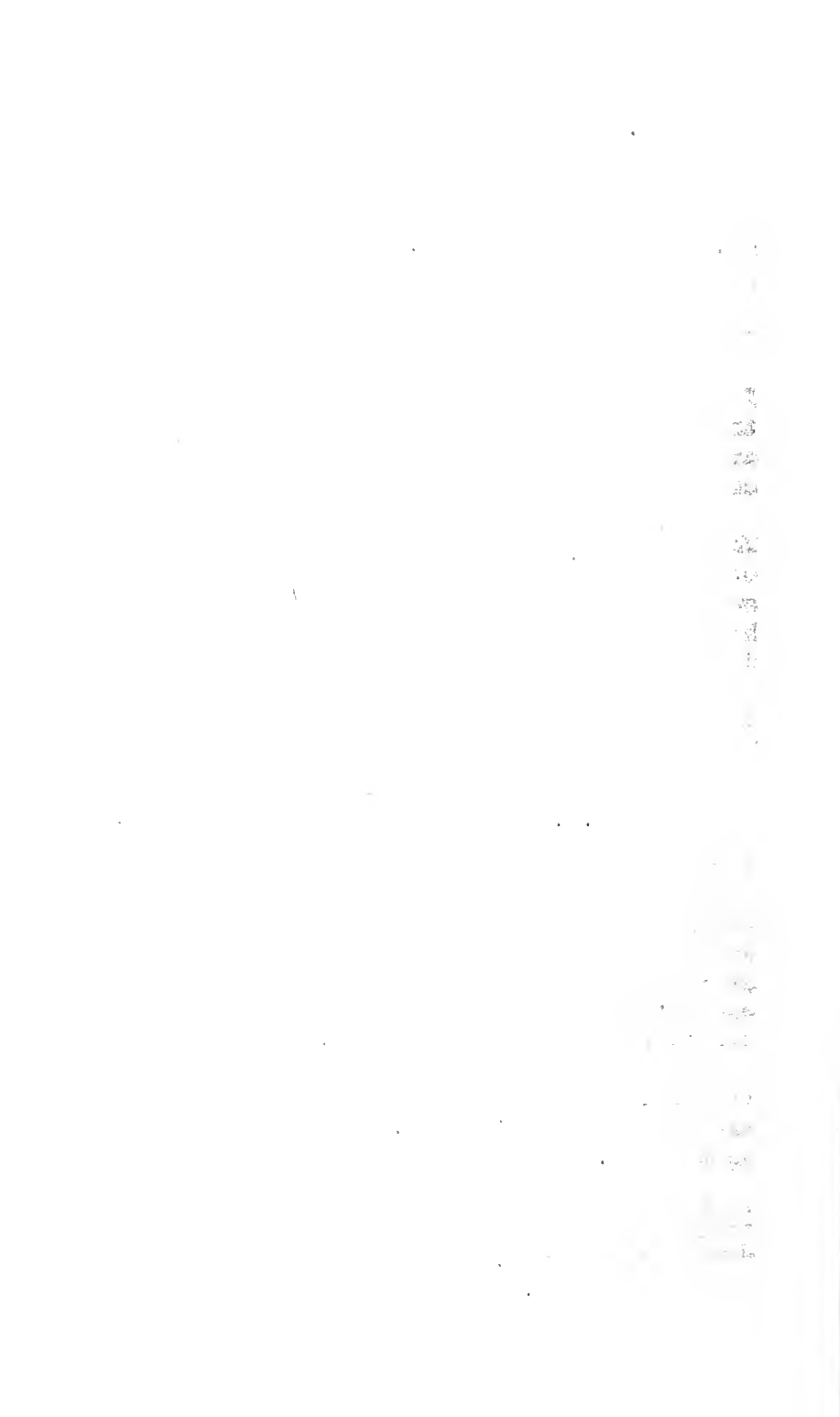
Bill Coughlin and Ed O'Reilly drove down from Ottawa a few weeks ago and took me by surprise. We had a good visit and they planned on returning by way of Cornwall.

We did have a lot of snow here and some very rough weather beginning early in November but no continuous extreme cold. We had a light snow this A.M. in honor of good St. Patrick.

I miss your letters by which you kept all the distant confreres so well informed of the news. Wally Platt adheres strictly to the business letters so I don't hear much about the amusing part such as the surprise Father Hubert Coughlin encountered when he went to Windsor for the traditional retreat last year. I heard about Father Jack Wick's serious heart attack through the Sisters here as two of them are related to him on his mother's side. She was formerly from Alexandria.

This week is the winter break and it is a big relief to be free, especially from the rowdy resident students. They have all gone home or to some friends.

Sincerely in Christ T. McGillis



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April 28, 1969

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Iona Academy
St. Raphael's West, Ont.
April 28/69

Dear Father:

I suppose things are being put in order for the exit to Strawberry Island. I expect things are very quiet at the Seminary during the summer.

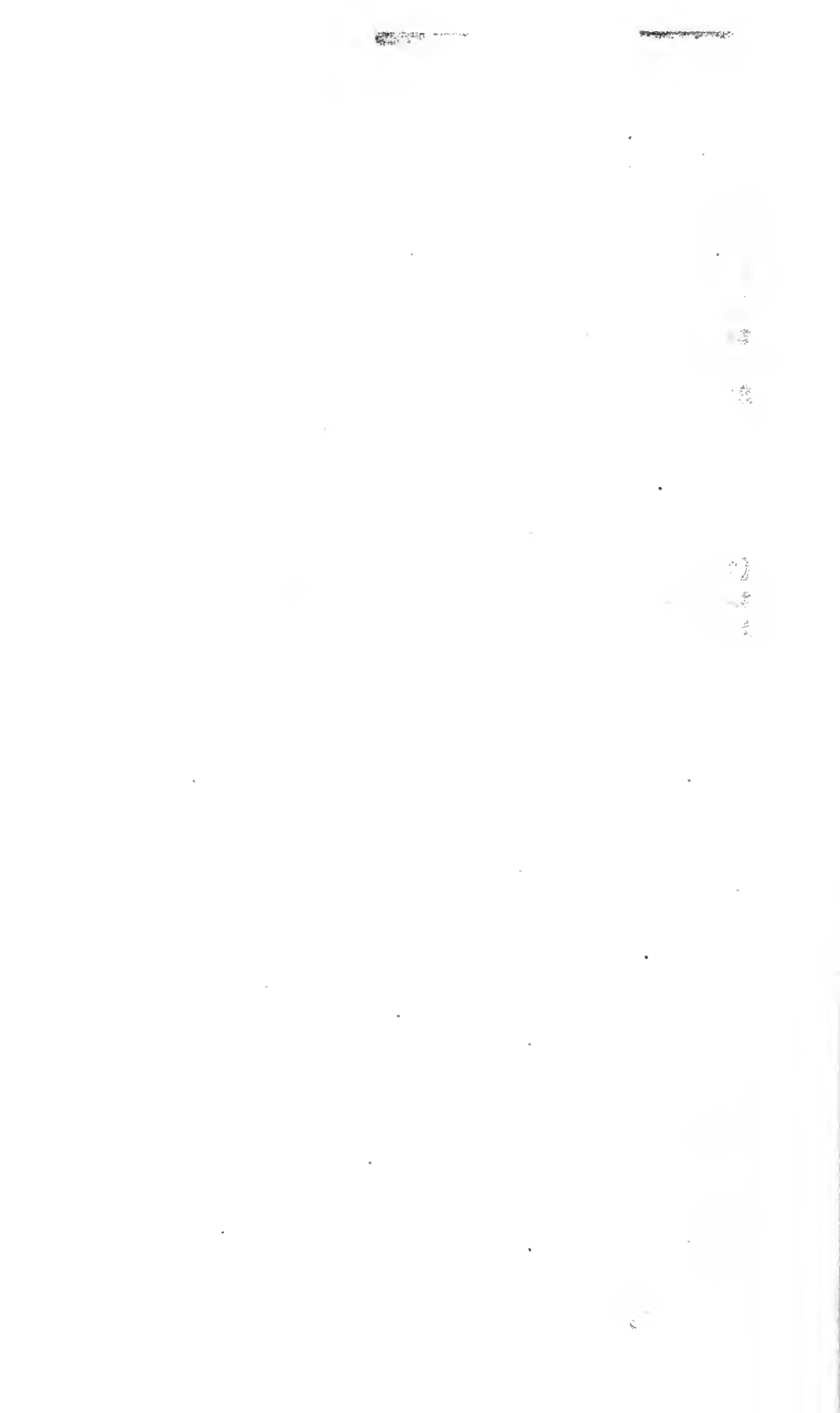
While driving along the main Highway 34 the other day there were still some mounds of snow but it must be gone by now as we had some heavy rains the last few days and it is raining now.

I did not know Miss Pattison as she must have become a fixture there after my departure in 1947. I have heard others peak of her.

Could you give me any suggestions Father on recommend any texts or authors on sermons for every or most days of the year? You must be familiar with some type of work that would be helpful. Besides the Sunday homily we have a student Mass on varying days and I am getting very shallow on material. I would welcome any suggestions.

In the last newsletter I see where we are batting only 50% in the novice department as one of the two withdrew.

I trust you are not too happy over the Boston Montreal series. I know I am not. There can



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be no argument on the fact that the better team failed to win this time. Now I am praying for the Blues which appears to be a hopeless situation but will stay with them until the bitter end. Down with the "habs".

Hope all is going well.

Sincerely in Christ

Thomas McGillis

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Francis E. Monaghan
April 22, 1969

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St. Anne's Church
2140 Westheimer
Houston, Texas 77006
Basilian Fathers
April 22, 1969

Dear Father Scollard,

How good to hear from you. I miss those epistles I used to get when you were Secretary General.

All goes well here except that Father Pat Warden is mentally unwell. It is quite a concern to me because I never know when someone - priest or parishioner will be blasted physically or verbally. In all my Basilian years I have never met the like.

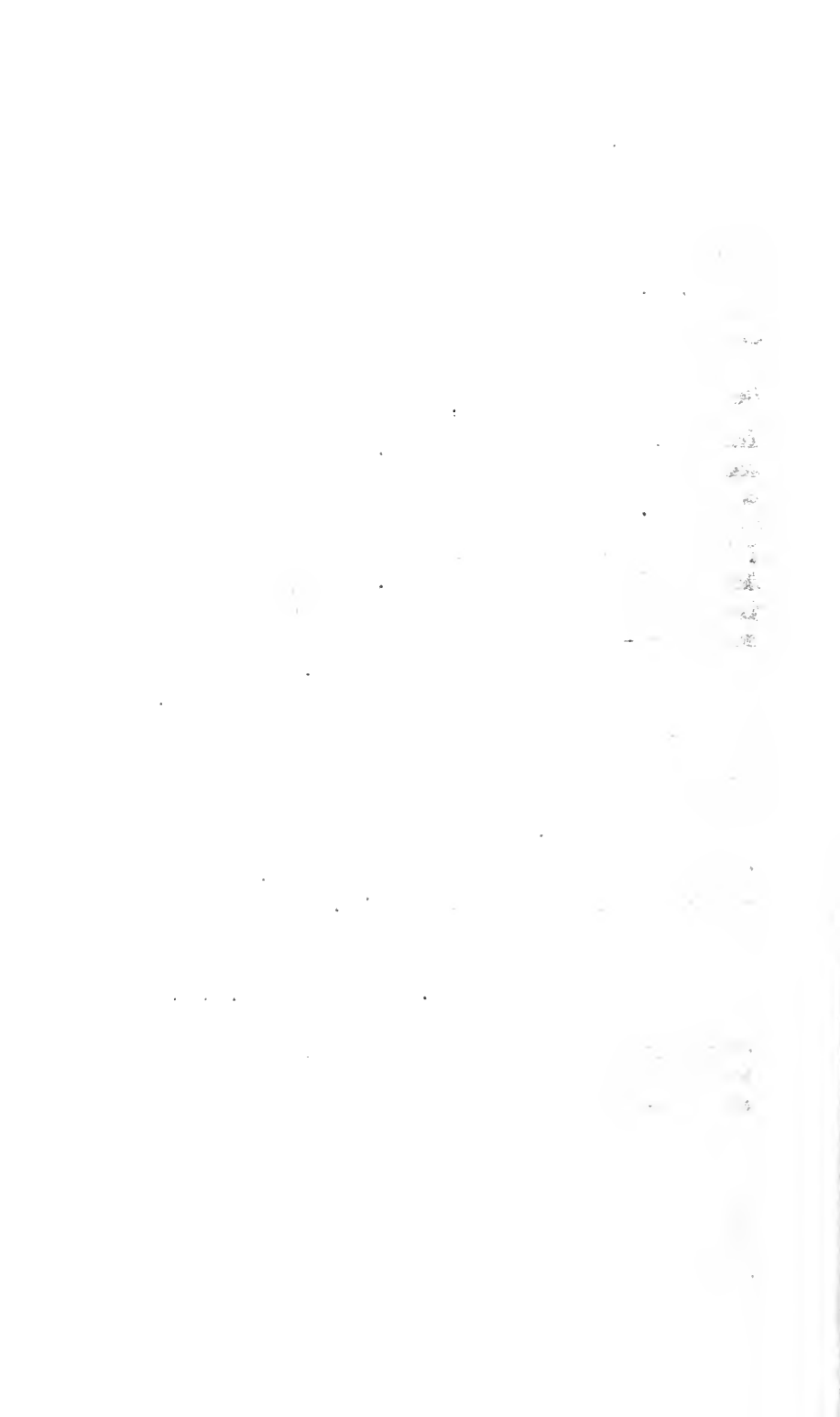
Art O'Leary was recuperating with us from major surgery and only last night was rushed to the hospital with heart palpitations and high blood pressure. He is resting well this am.

Come see us when you get a chance. You are always welcome at St. Anne's.

Oremus pro invicem --

F. Monaghan, C.S.B.

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Francis E. Monaghan
January 21, 1970

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St. Anne's Church
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January 21, 1970

Dear Father Scollard,

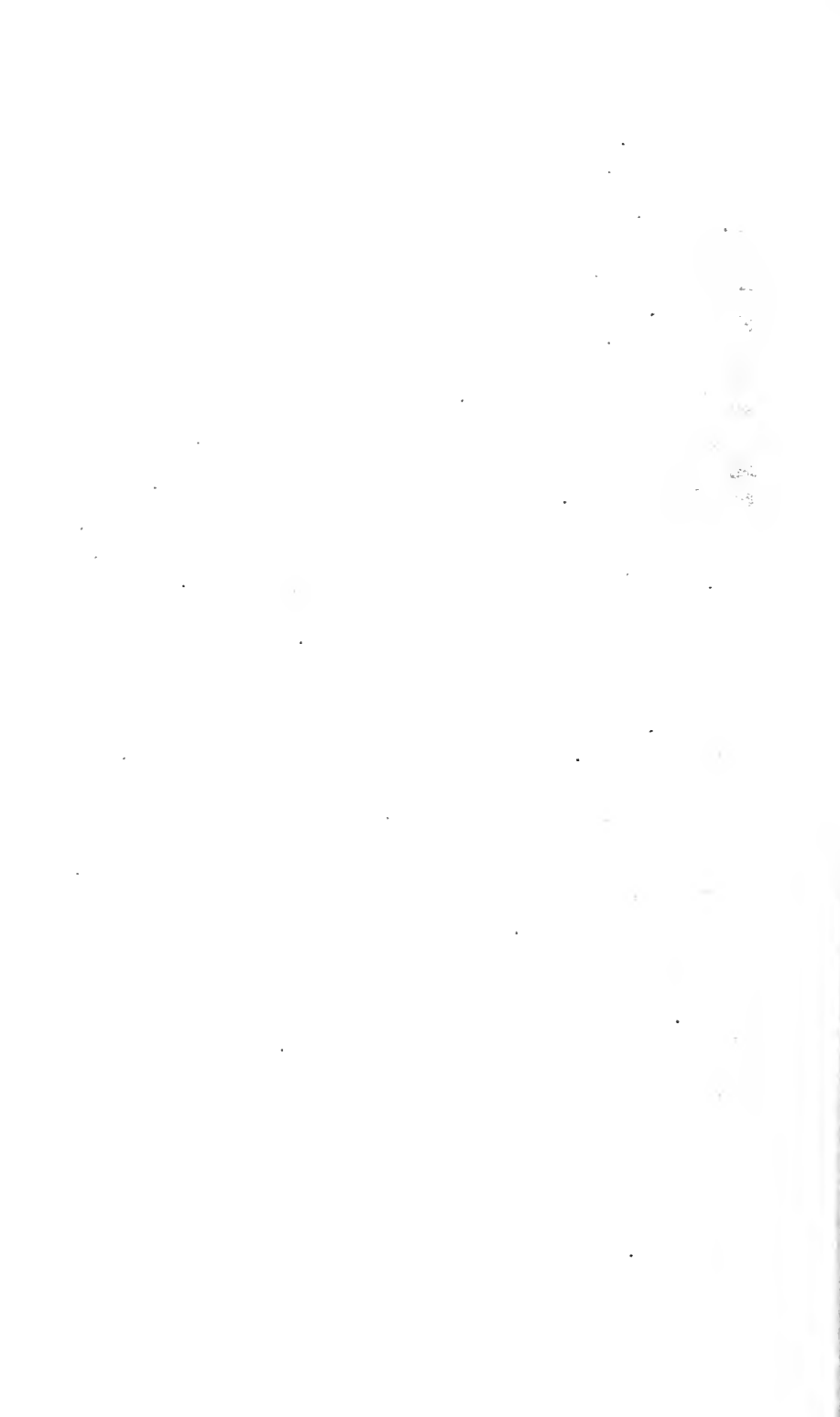
Thanks very much for your newsy letter. You can put more on one page than most people put on five pages. Thanks also for the clippings about the Royal Conservatory and John Beckwith. I had him for history the last year of my Mus. Bac. He had just returned from England. He is very competent and I think will move the music departments ahead rapidly.

We are expecting Father Leonard Rush just any day now. He called and asked "if we could receive him". Of course we enjoy his humor. He does help with daily Mass and likes to give his own inimitable homily.

As you know Father Pat Warden is in Owen Sound. He is doing quite well there I understand from several visitors.

Art O'Leary was here for last night and lunch today. He got sick in Mexico and it has taken him about five months to recover. He is in best of spirits and seems well mended. For a while he was discouraged after his major surgery. Then Mexico and now he is fine.

Father John Glavin is well and sends his regards. Father Joe Rivard had a narrow escape with the diabetes. He got nauseated and could not take food but took insulin and it just about got the



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best of him. However Dr. Bob McConn brought him through with flying colors. He is home with us now and is doing very well - up and around.

Why don't you come see us? We have plenty of room and you know you would be most welcome.

My prayers and best regards for you and the conferes.

Sincerely,

F. Monaghan

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Francis E. Monaghan
June 21, 1970

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St. Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
2140 Westheimer
Houston, Texas 77006
June 21, 1970

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your kind letter and generous compliments about my re-appointment. Much water went under the bridge before the final decision was made. Father Wey said the Council wanted me to stay on but they were concerned about my health. In any case another name was submitted to the Bishop. He had some misgivings about the name. That is all I know. Bill Young was here at the time. He met with the Bishop. I guess they decided that I was to stay on. Last week Father Wey called to say he wanted me here. Father Leonard Rush is with us. He has had an attack of asthma and "patches of pneumonia". He just returned yesterday from the hospital. He is aging quickly. He feels very weak after eight days in the hospital.

Father John Glavin is all packed for the Seminary. He looks forward to being there. I suppose he has been conditioning himself for a change. He asked Father Wey for an appointment and I guess Father is complying with his wish.

Hope you are enjoying good health. When will you spend the summer at Strawberry Island?

Prayers and best regards,

As ever

F. Monaghan, C.S.B.

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Richard J. Schiefen
March 15, 1969

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Dear Father Scollard,

This letter is prompted by the reading of a little book that should be available in Toronto, if it is not already there. In preparation for a few weeks in Rome (probably in May), I have just read a book (pamphlet) by P. Nicola Kowalsky, O.M.I. entitled "Inventario dell'Archivio storico della S. Congregazione 'de Propaganda Fide'". It is vol. XVII of Schriftenreihe der Neuen Zeitschrift für Missionswissenschaft les Cahiers de la Nouvelle Revue de science missionnaire. Since I do not know German the above may not mean much. Where publication data is indicated, it has "Administration der Neuen Zeitschrift für Missionswissenschaft, Schonebeck/Beckenried (Schweiz) 1961. The archivist of the Westminster Diocesan archive, Miss Elizabeth Poyser, lent me her copy and it is invaluable in describing the arrangement of the archives of the Congregation of the Propaganda of the Faith. Since these are all on microfilm in Toronto (or should be since last August), students would find this little book a valuable asset. If it is out of print, I am sure that Elizabeth would make a xerox copy of hers (about forty pages) and it would be well worth it.

My work is proceeding very satisfactorily. I have seldom enjoyed a work more than that which I am engaged in this year. God willing I should be finished and back in community circulation by the fall of 1970. Materials have been plentiful and unless something unforeseen comes up there should be no difficulty in putting the thesis together by that time. Right now my problem is one of having too much material.



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I just bought myself the acts and decrees of the first four provincial synods of Westminster, long out of print, from Howes Bookshop. I think I sent you their name. Though not in London, they are by far the best. However after their catalogue comes out one has to act fast. Two days after reading it I also sent for a bound volume of all the pamphlet material etc. connected with papal aggression, 1850-51. I know the work and it is great. Unfortunately it was already gone by the time our letter arrived. Father McEvilly, the Birmingham diocesan archivist, sent for it for me immediately.

Spring has come to London. It is mild, and if rainy, not unpleasant.

I saw Ed Bader last night. We went out for a movie and a pizza -- imagine eating piazza in London, but their Italian restaurants are often the best.

Hope all is well. I hear little from Toronto but do get letters from Houston regularly. I miss Houston but can't help but wonder how it will be possible to continue my present work there. We shall see.

Yours ever,

Dick Schiefen

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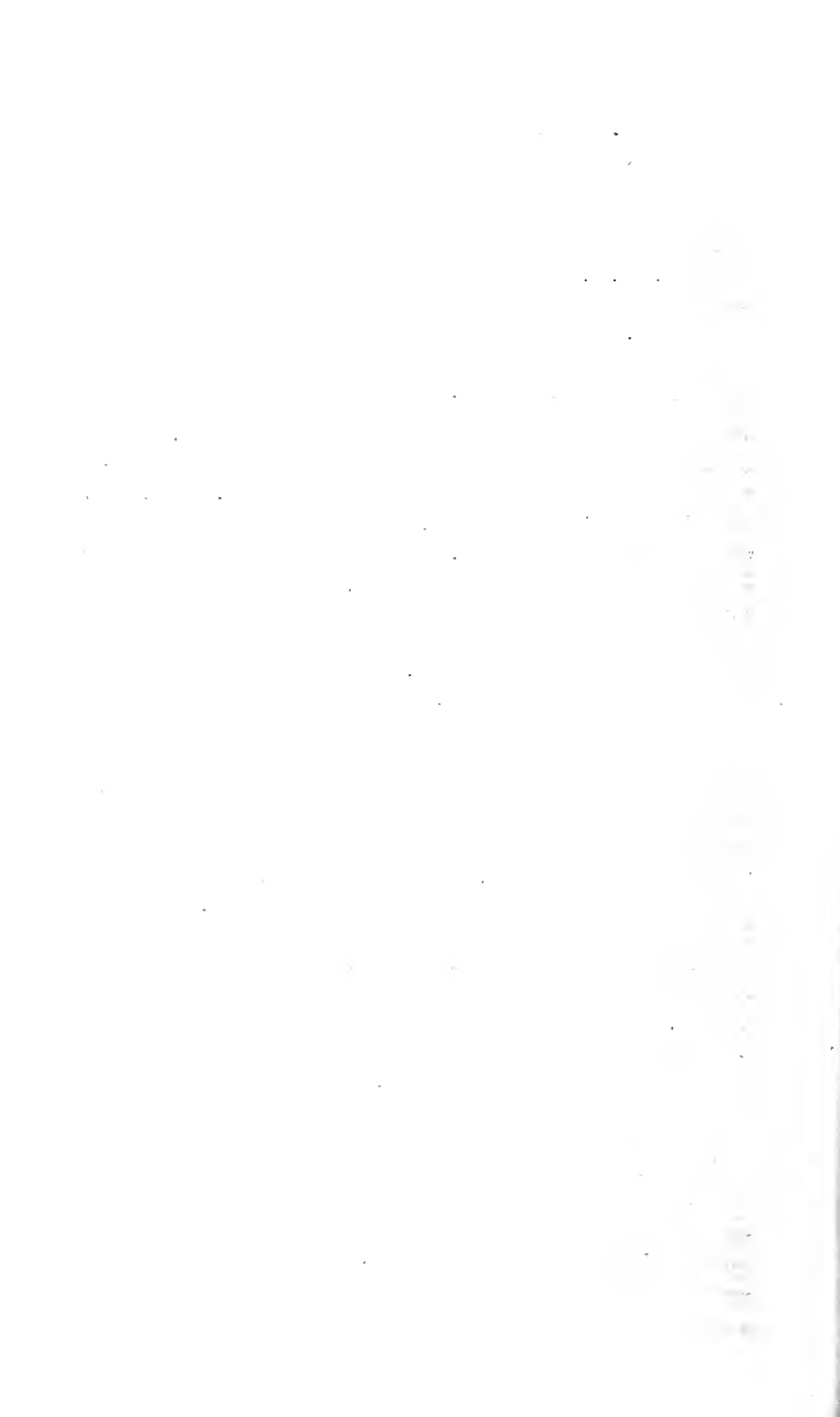
Richard J. Schiefen
April 10, 1969

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London House
Mecklenburgh Square
London, W.C.1
England
April 10, 1969

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your letter of March 18th. I should have explained to you where the microfilms of the Propaganda archives are. No, St. Mike's hasn't got them, but they are just as handy (or almost so). The University of Toronto library bought them last summer and in fact they arrived while I was still visiting Toronto though they were not yet removed from the boxes. I did see the catalogue. They are kept in the Charles Street Branch. Is that the rare book library? The idea of microfilming them was that of Emmett Larkin, Associate Professor of English History at the University of Chicago. He had three sets done, one of which went to Chicago, a second to another spot in the States (don't know where), and the third, through the mediation of Jim Conacher, to Toronto. They include microfilms of the Propaganda materials dealing with England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland and go back to the Reformation and up to modern times. In fact I have thought some of using the Propaganda archives in Toronto rather than Rome, but I think not now. In fact I am going to Rome the first part of May and shall stay a month using the archive of the English College and that of the Propaganda. I will not attempt to exhaust the Propaganda even for my topic but I know pretty well what I am looking for so there should be no trouble. If necessary I shall return to Rome in the Fall though as of



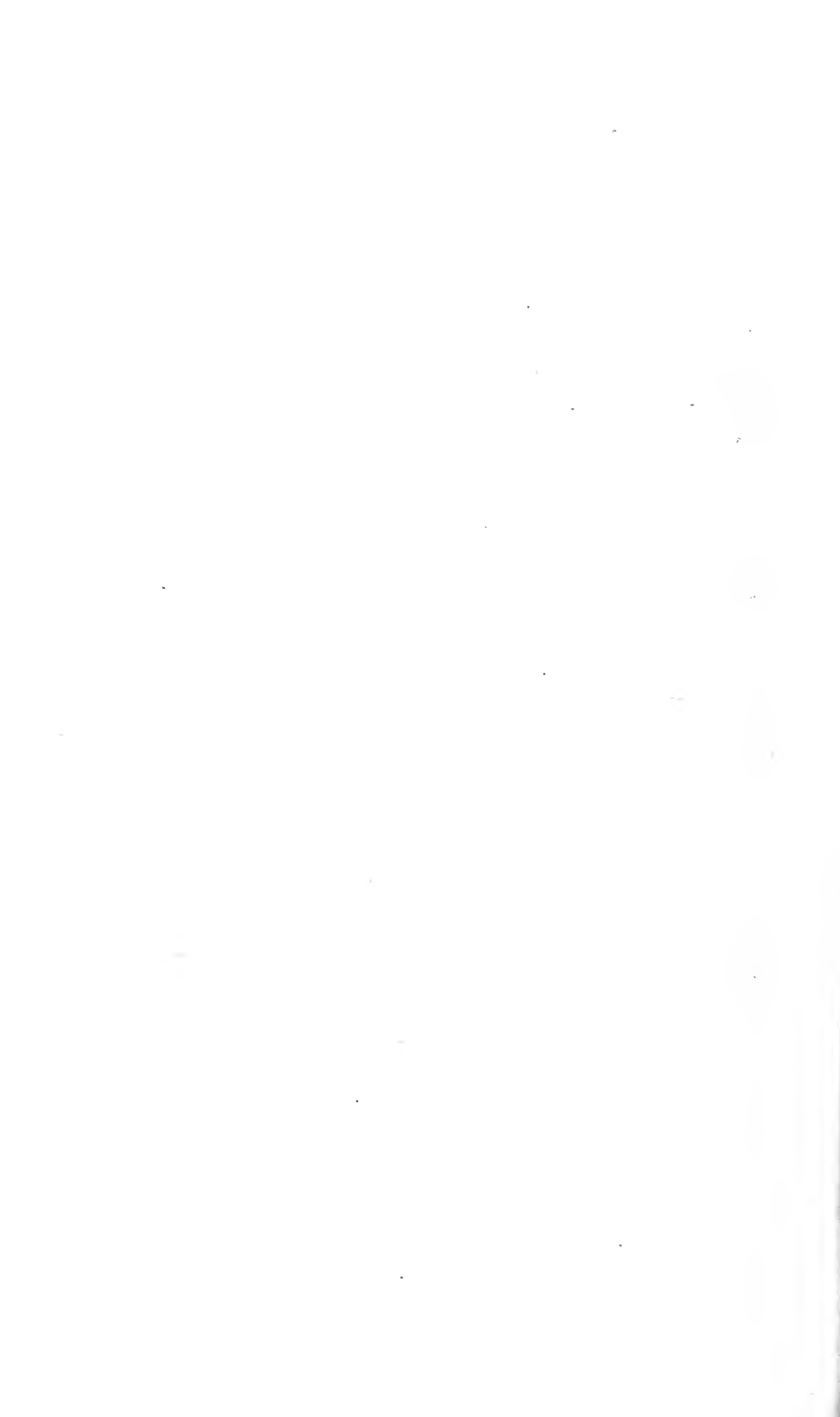
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now I hope to have my research completed by November next so I can start writing and be finished with the thesis by summer. Things still look good.

I spent Holy Week and Easter at Ampleforth Abbey with the Benedictines and turned it into a semi-retreat. Aelred Graham is back home and was preaching a retreat to Ampleforth Old Boys. I attended a couple of the conferences but they were much the same as those he preached to us in Toronto in 1954. He has aged so that I did not even recognize him at first though later I identified myself and we had a nice chat. Unlike most people, he has put on weight or at least his face has filled out much over the past few years. He is now interested in the East - zen Buddhism and that sort of thing, having interviewed the Dali Lama of Tibet, etc. I think Thomas Merton was interested in the same thing at the time of his sad death. Evidently Graham and Merton had patched up their differences of the mid-fifties and became fast friends. Graham took his death hard.

We have had incredibly beautiful weather in England for a week now, with bright sun, no rain, and temperatures of more than seventy degrees F. One day broke all records since they first were kept in the 19th century. Ampleforth was colder than London but absolutely beautiful. The Yorkshire countryside is lovely. When the sun went down at night it was cold, however. I slept under six blankets which was not too easy on the arthritis, a malady I have unfortunately developed in the neck and spine over the past few years. In the washrooms in the morning one could see his own breath. You would have slept under ten blankets and skipped the washroom somehow or other.



Richard J. Schiefen
April 10, 1969

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Don't worry, I shall not have Frank Firth's problem. I have much material indeed, but it is pretty well filed and I know what I want to do. God willing, as far as I can now foresee, there should be no major difficulty. I have always enjoyed research and writing. At the moment I am using the Jesuit archives at Farm Street. They have been most hospitable, but then I am not using materials that are directly tied to the Jesuits. I don't think they have any idea of the amount of material dealing with their early history in London that is to be found in the Westminster archives, however. They were an unpopular bunch, and with rather good reason I may add.

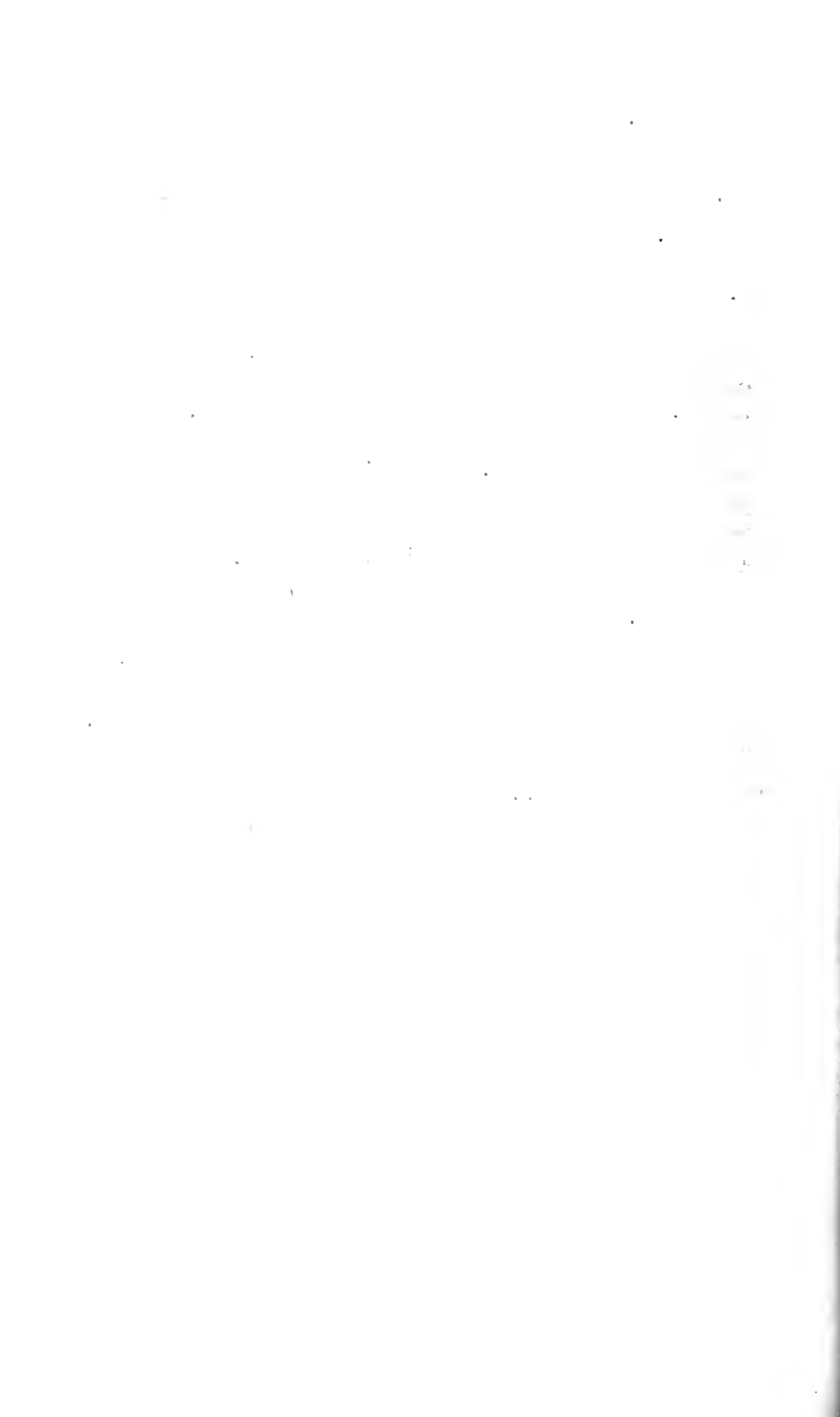
I was delighted to see Cardinal Flahiff's appointment in The Times. Needless to say I hope I can be in Rome at the time of the consistory. Coming over?

My best to all ...

Yours in Christ,

Dick Schiefen

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Daniel V. Burns
May 15, 1969

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Winnipeg
Postmarked 15 V 1969

Dear Bob,

Here we are at Winnipeg for Cardinal Flahiff's reception. So far we haven't seen any Basilians from the east, but there must be some around. Russ Pendergast, Jim Daley and Wil Dore are here from Edmonton; Paul and Greg Mallon and Peter Swan from Saskatoon. Roger de Billy and Joe O'Reilly from Lethbridge. Jimmy Whelihan, Billy Coyle and myself from Calgary. We met Archbishop Pocock at the Fort Gary

Dan Burns, C.S.B.

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Daniel V. Burns
September 14, 1970

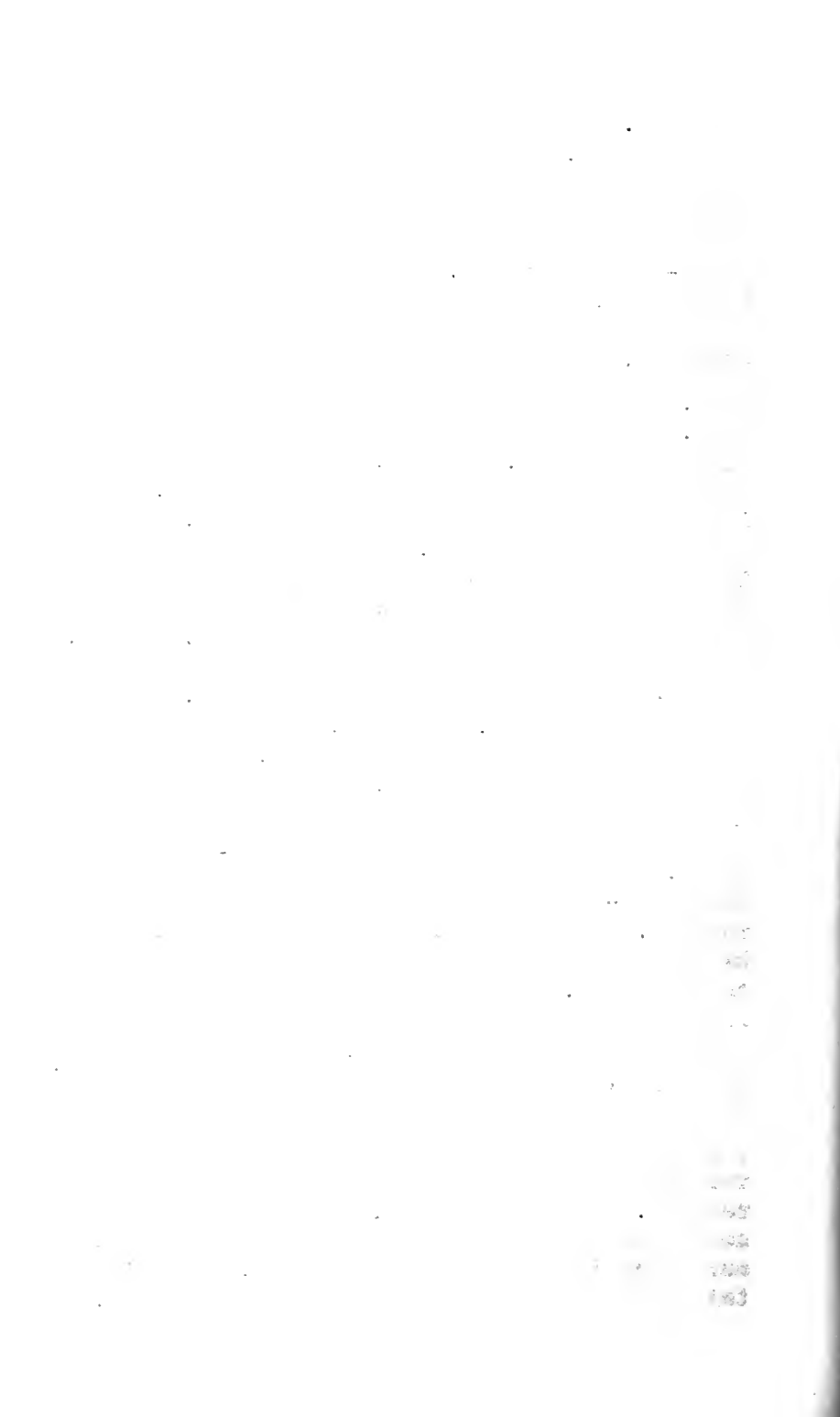
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Our Lady of the Assumption Church
Basilian Fathers
2405 - 12th Avenue S.
Lethbridge, Alberta

Dear Bob,

Well, you finally have to have some surgery done. Was that your first surgery? I had my first last April, that is, under an anesthetic, when I had my varicose veins operated on. It is quite an experience - "going under". I guess we are getting old Bob. I find the old body is like an old car - there's one little thing after another going wrong. Thank God it has been holding up pretty well in general, so far. I have had the oddest things happen in recent years - things I had never heard about. When I was in Rochester, New York, I had trouble with my left heel that caused lameness. The doctor said it was a "heel spur", something new to me - a stretched tendon caused a bone to point down and cause great pain, especially in walking on it. The doctor said it was common among athletes - me of all people to get it - some athlete. While at St. Pius X in Calgary, I had bursitis of the elbow once and the shingles at another time.

Right now I have som infection in my left big toe and Roger says that it is probably the gout. But I don't think so. However, I have been soaking it in Epsom salts solution many hours per day for nearly five weeks now and although the swelling has gone down, it is still pretty painful. With an old car, you can sometimes get a new part and it is just as good as new, but we can't do that with the body. I don't think an artifical toe would be just as good.



Daniel V. Burns
September 14, 1970

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Well, I am still here, but I have been appointed as "temporary assistant" at St. Basil's Parish, Lethbridge, without change of residence. Ralph O'Loughlin arrived here September 4. With the extra man here, we can lend assistance where needed. The Bishop said it would help him very much, if I would give assistance to St. Basil's for a few months. He left it to myself to decide place of residence - either to move completely to St. Basil's or remain here. I decided to remain with the confreres. It takes less than ten minutes to go over to St. Basil's by car. And I didn't like the idea of separating from the community, even for a few months. Besides the "few months" would more likely continue much longer if I moved. So I am now looking after a mission, Coalhurst, and assisting with Confessions and Communions at St. Basil's on Sundays - and doing some other parochial duties during the week - even staying overnight sometimes, when I am needed for early morning Mass.

Ralph is getting settled in. Roger is busy as ever. All are well at the other house. Everything is functioning according to schedule. Billy Kelly and Clarence Watrin are hired on 3/4 time basis, giving them time off for other work - catechetical and youth. I don't know whether the diocese pays for their contribution or that it is simply voluntary service. They seem to like the arrangement.

I haven't been up to Calgary since June 15 celebration of St. Basil's Day at St. Pius. Ted Sullivan has moved out from St. Pius and he and Bill Reddall have an apartment. There certainly would not have been room at St. Pius for both of them. I think that this should be



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Daniel V. Burns
September 14, 1970

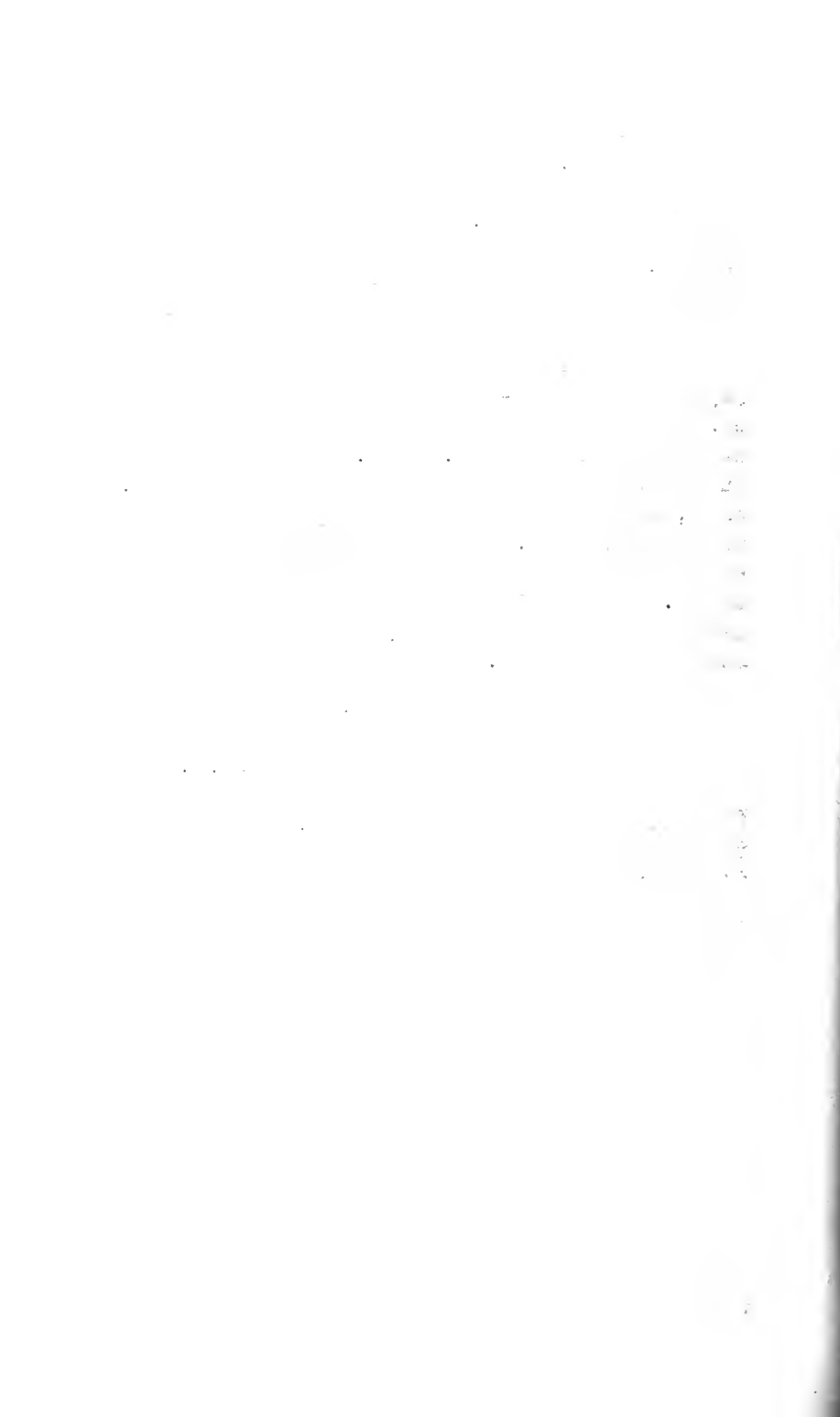
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a good arrangement. They can have student meetings and entertainment without disturbing the priests of the parish. Tom McReagy made his first visit to Lethbridge last week. I was up at St. Basil's that night and he came up to see me. I was indeed surprised and enjoyed his visit - especially since it was because of him that I am in Lethbridge, instead of still being at St. Pius. He even said that he would welcome me to come and live at St. Pius, if I should be moved to Calgary for chaplaincy work. But I would rather go to the Basilian House if I should be moved up there. I haven't heard much from the Calgary Basilian House, except that Billy Coyle has not been too well.

God bless you, Bob,

Dan Burns, C.S.B.

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T. Cyril Howard
January 7, 1970

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Holy Spirit Parish
1035 N. River Road
Saginaw, Michigan 48603
January 7, 1970

Dear Bob.

Many thanks for the book on dead Basilians. It was very interesting reading and the book is very well done. However, Tom O'Rourke was stationed at Assumption College in 1941 or 1942. He taught me American History. That was the only omission I know. I am sorry for not having written you earlier to thank you for the book but we have been very busy over the Christmas period. I had hoped to be able to get down to Assumption this coming Sunday for the Christmas dinner but things look gloomy. I have had a slight touch of the flu and still have laringitis. Things in the diocese are in a state of turmoil as seven pastors are retiring. They were supposed to go after next Sunday but two have gone already. I have to go to Merrill Saturday for Confessions and Masses (3) on Sunday. It is about 25 miles west of here. Monday, Father Rudy and I have dinner with the Bishop at the orphanage. It is located beside us.

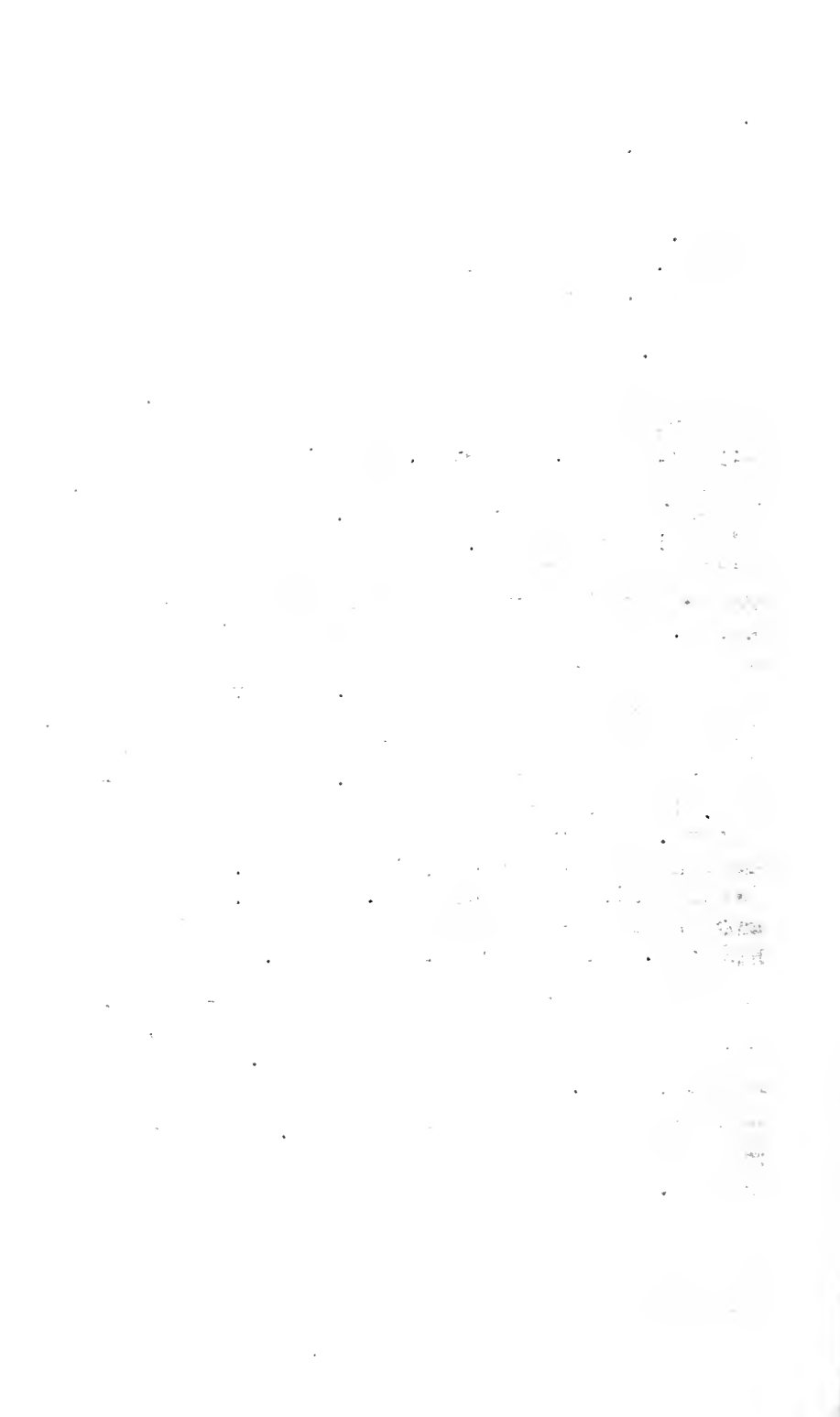
We have plenty of snow up here for ski-dooing. They run around our property day and night. I wish they would ban the darn things. I refuse to get on one.

Hope all is going well in Toronto. Give my best to the confreres and please remember me in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Cy

(Transcribed from the original, interleaved in a copy of the Dictionary of Basilian Biography)



John S. Broussard
January 14, 1970

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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mission Center
Basilian Fathers
506 South East Avenue
Wharton, Texas 77488
Jan. 14 '70

Dear Father Scollard

I'm bad, bad, bad on letter writing and I apologize for the long delay.

Somehow or other I'll organize myself to put down the reminiscences I promised. I hope the matter will be suitable.

Thanks for the informative run-down on the Basilians, especially those we have recently been involved with.

How quickly we adjust to things like Father John F. Collins' death - no great strain, but I think his memory will wear well. I've seen little of Vince Dulock. Yes he should be a promising addition if he comes.

We had a good retreat under Jack Madden. He has an impressive command of the theology and wisdom of Christian living and I suspect for his audience that it was most enjoyable.

Adios

Jack B.

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Thomas D. Amlin
February 7, 1970

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Dear Father,

You don't know how relieved I was to receive your aid. After a long period of meditating I put it in file 13 for future reference.

All kidding aside, Father Gibbons does have his hands full with Aquinas. As you know already quite a few are leaving (Seminary, Andrean, O.C.E.) and this is causing quite a vacuum here.

In reference to myself, I'll be going to the Ontario College of Education. One main difficulty concerns whether O.C.E. will have a summer school and whether it's up north or in Toronto. If there is no summer school I'll be going to O.C.E. during the 1970-71 school year. So it will be at least a month before anything definite happens.

Hope everyone is fine up there. Father Cy Carter is staying with the Sisters at Holy Angels, so he's getting plenty of rest. He is still pretty sick though. Everyone else is fat and healthy except for the skinny and healthy like me.

Bye for now.

Faternally yours in Christ,

Tom Amlin

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Wilfrid J. Dwyer
December 20, 1969

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To Fr. Robert Scollard with my best wishes for all the joys and blessings of Christmas and the New Year.

My sincere thanks for the Dictionary of Basilian Biography - an excellent and Precious work!

Enclosed a copy of our Christmas letter to all members of the Ottawa Synod.

Sincerely,

W.J. Dwyer, CSB

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Walter W. Scott
December 15, 1969

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Saint Pius X High School
2140 Louisiana Blvd. N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110
Dec. 15, 1969

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your newsy letter of last month. I received the copy of the Dictionary - a fine document. I have been delving into it.

The school is going well. We were robbed of \$1400 last week. Insurance will reimburse us, but we have improved our security arrangements. Fred Wajda is doing well.

Students and faculty are looking forward to Christmas holidays. It will likely be a sunny 60 degree Christmas. Not white, but not green either since Albuquerque is dry and dusty. Oh, there are some trees and grass, but it's far from bush.

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely

Walter Scott, CSB

(Transcribed from the original, interleaved in a copy of the Dictionary of Basilian Biography)



Victor B. Brezik
December 19, 1969

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Dear Bob,

Many blessings for Christmas and the New Year.

Thanks for the copy of the Dictionary of Basilian Biography. It makes excellent bed-time reading. I was surprised to find that I knew personally so many of the Basilians written up in the book.

We are trying to collect matching funds for a new library to the amount of a million and a half by January 1. At the moment, it does not look impossible. We have in addition a Government grant of \$668,000.

John Meyer is gone. He did a lot of things around the house in his quiet way.

Come down to another visit whenever you can.

Sincerely,

Vic

(Transcribed from the original, interleaved in a copy of the Dictionary of Basilian Biography)

Alexander J. Grant
December 15, 1969

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Dear Bob,

Received you book - many thanks. It is magnificent. I couldn't put it down. Make me feel pretty humble when I read how hard those early Basilians worked.

May God bless you.

Where can I purchase a copy of Father E.J. McCorkell's book?

Alex

(Transcribed from the original, interleaved in a copy of the Dictionary of Basilian Biography.

Alphonse A. de Valk
December 19, 1969

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Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your letter. I have finally managed to dig up one single issue of Father Bob Miller's Catholic Action Priests' Bulletin; given to me by Father Paul Mallon. The publisher's address is not St. Thomas More College. In any case, that is all I have found so far. Father Paul Mallon tells me that a great number of pamphlets, etc. was lost in the moving from the old to the new wing when the library was set up properly for the first time.

As for Blackfriars we are much worse off than you. We have some duplicates but none fit your list. I have included our list of missing numbers. Perhaps we will have more luck with you than you with us. We have nothing at all prior to 1949. In the fifties we only have 1950 + 1952 and 1954 complete. From 1961 on we are alright. I have one further request. When I was at the Seminary I donated a book in Dutch: L. Rogier: In Vryheid Herboren. As I have since been building up quite a library in Dutch and Flemish Catholic history (in Dutch) that particular book might be more useful here as we have also been building up a collection in German Catholicism. So if you are willing to part with it, I would be glad to receive it. However, if it has been moved already it would be better to leave it.

Regards to the confreres and a blessed Christmas to you.

Al de Valk

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Robert G. Ritz
February 10, 1970

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Shrine of Ste. Anne
Established 1701
Basilian Fathers
1000 Ste. Anne Street
Detroit, Michigan 48216
Feb. 10, 1970
Mardi Gras

Dear Father,

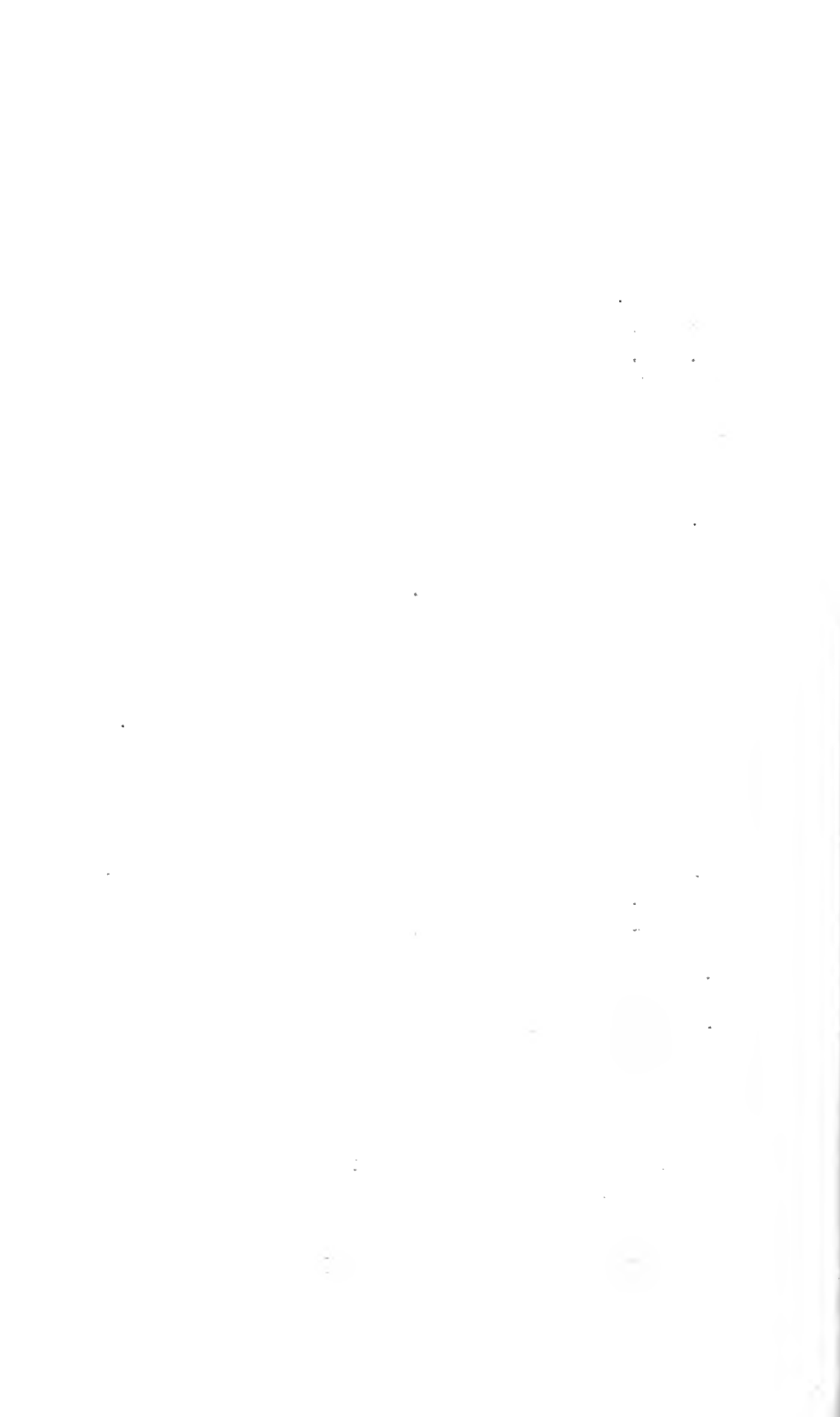
Many thanks for your interesting letter. I'm glad to hear Dorothy keeps in touch with you; she's a great one to scan the newspaper regularly (not that she's not busy!) and note items of particular interest.

For those of us of an "historical bent", your Dictionary fulfills a real need (add to that a year spent at Annonay - a real experience which increased my interest in "Basiliana". I was sorry not to be able to get to Annonay last summer when over there with my uncle-godfather. I sent the confrères a postcard from the nearest point reached in our bus tour, Grenoble [where we stopped for a half hour]. However, I did have a fine afternoon and meal at Issy-les Moulineaux.

No, Father, I never did make any translation of Bishop Charbonnel's letters - merely a transcription - and as you know, even that remained uncompleted.

Your proposed Historical Bulletin will, no doubt, prove its value especially in future years, for forthcoming historians of our community.

Father Frank Orsini was here as Visitor when your letter arrived, recounting the feast of



Robert G. Ritz
February 10, 1970

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Father Ed Young. That could well be a very lucrative business - if the weather and his luck or skill? continued!

Father Matt Killoran is convalescing well at Mt. Carmel Hospital. He was finally convinced by Father Don Mooney to get a "check-up" which entailed operations on the prostate and an umbilical hernia.

A profitable Lent to all!

In Our Lord and Our Lady of Guadalupe,

R. Ritz, C.S.B.

P.S. I suppose I should add Our Lady of Lourdes too!

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Robert G. Ritz
October 31, 1970

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Ste. Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
1000 Ste. Anne St.
Detroit 16, Michigan
Oct. 31, 1970
Hallowe'en

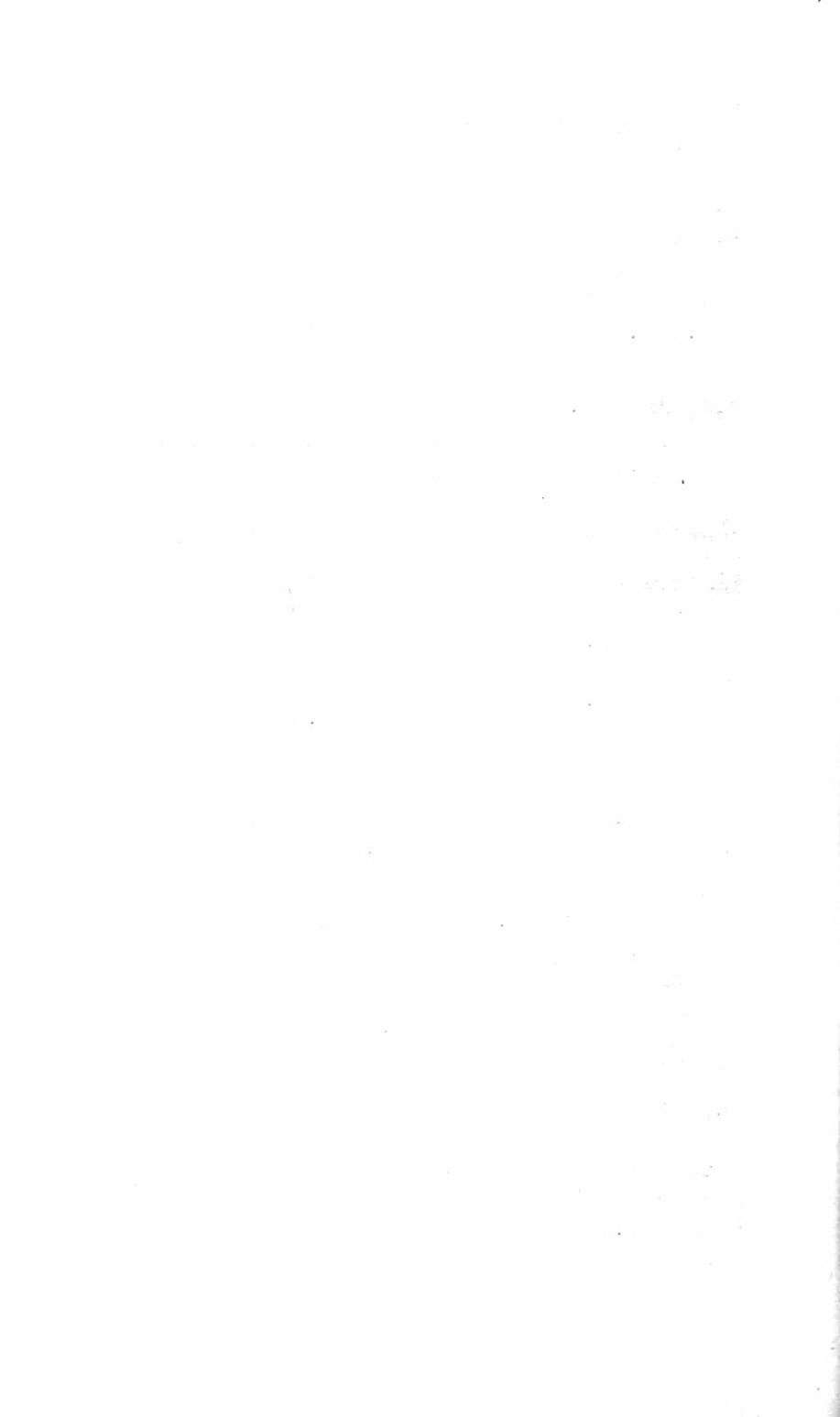
Dear Father,

Will there be any "tricking or treating" for you tonight? We've been reminding our neighborhood children that "Hallowe'en" means "Holy Evening" and that they act accordingly.

Sincere thanks - on my sister's part and on my own - for the copies of the Register of Bishop Charbonnel. That's really something out of my distant past! But we're glad to have had some part in it. Anything to elucidate and help appreciate our French past (I'm sure old Father Willy Roach would have said that would have been like "looking for a needle in a haystack"!) In any case, "Vive la France", even if "le grand Charles" is in retirement.

Father Matt Killoran just returned from holidays in New Brunswick. Now down 50 lbs., no plumbing trouble, he feels much better and his rheumatism is more "tolerable". (We were sorry to hear of the deaths of Father Terence McLaughlin and Father Wilf Murphy; they'll celebrate the month of the Souls in the "patria".)

Our staff has been augmented by really two apostolic young priests: Bob Power is much beloved already by both "Latin" and "Anglo" and same could be said of Larry Carney at our "inner city" St. Vincent High School where he teaches Senior Religion and is a counselor.



Robert G. Ritz
October 31, 1970

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Take care of yourself; best regards to Freddy Black and all the confreres.

Fraternally in Our Lord,

Fr. Bob

P.S. My sister is always pleased to hear from you. Don Mooney is really repairing Ste. Anne's very well.

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Brian P. Higgins
April 27, 1970

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St. Mary's College
Wilson and Wilcox
Box 1027
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
April 27/70

Dear Bob,

Thanks very much for your newsy letter. You hit pay dirt. I gave the conference on putting Christ back into Christmas.

We were out to the camp Friday night and Saturday. We still have to walk in one and half miles as there is a bad mud hole just at Steve Lewis farm turnoff. But the weather was just gorgeous. The ice is still on the lake but its' pretty soggy and not recommended for walking. If this weather keeps up it should be gone next weekend.

All here are in good shape. Pat Lalonde was out swinging some golf clubs on the field in the midst of Joe Walsh's track and fielders.

We are all wondering when you're going to break loose long enough to visit us before the school year is finished and we scatter. Of course you're welcome in the summer too but it's hard to say who will be home when.

God bless you and Mary guide you.

Yours in Jesus and Mary

Brian

P.S. Ed O'Reilly makes a Cursillo next weekend.

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Robert E. Lamb
June 29, 1970

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Ahoy!!

Many thanks for the Riel stamp. It will have a prominent spot in my memorabilia. I have a married students from Winnipeg; she too was enthusiastic.

Even if we die disgraced, a century later we'll be honored.

Cheers!

Bob Lamb

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Laurence K. Shook
March 15, 1970

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Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies
59 Queen's Park
Toronto 5, Canada
Office of the President
March 15/70

Dear Bob:

As you know I was at your sister's wake and funeral but I forgot to leave this mass card behind. I send it on because I want to say a word of sympathy to you and to assure you that I am very close to you not only in years but in faith and understanding.

Sincerely

Larry S.

(Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

William Joseph Brown
April 26, 1970

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St. Mary's Basilica
1508 Barrington St.
Halifax, N.S.
Thursday
April 26, 1970

Dear Father,

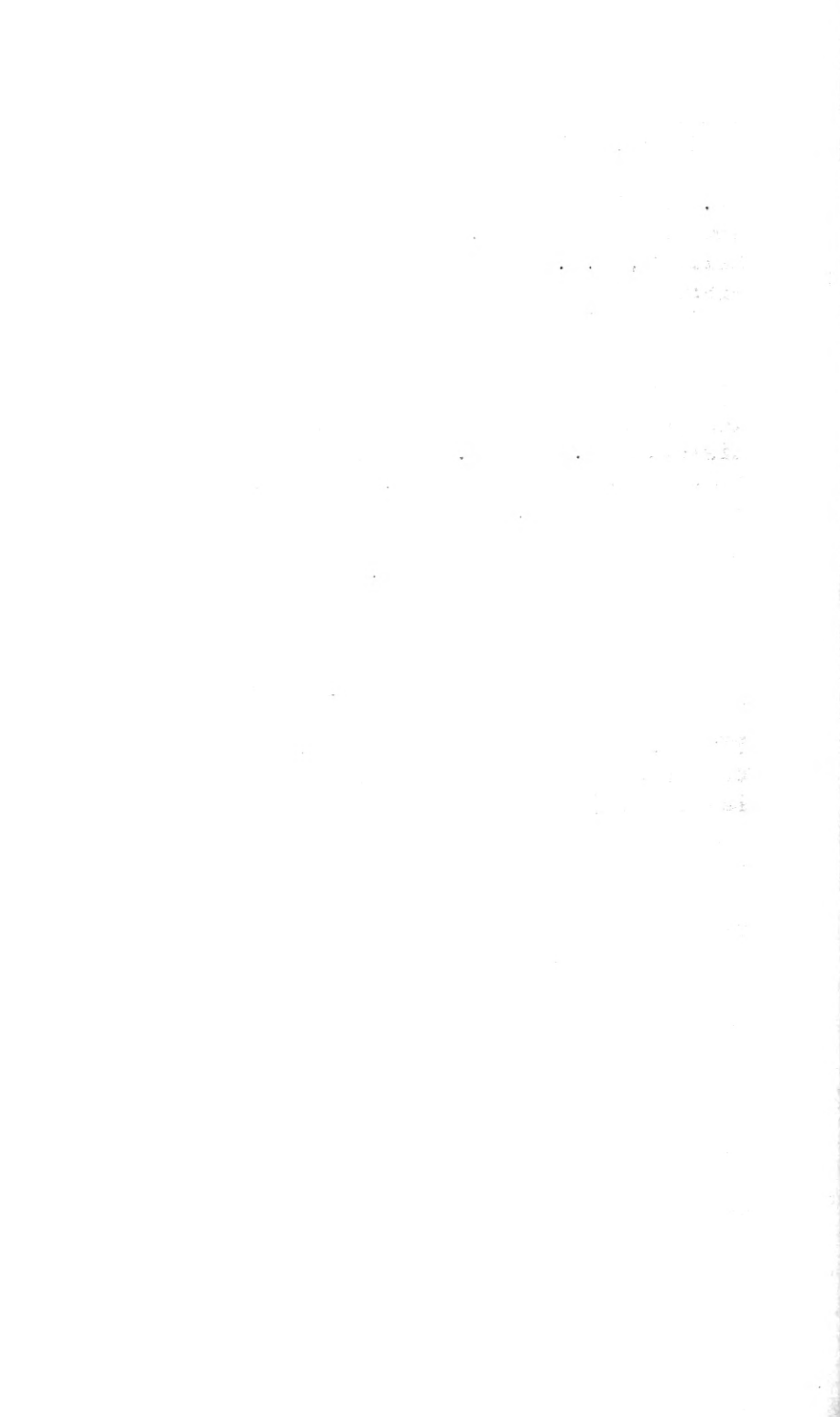
This evening I will offer my Mass for your sister, Mrs. Hurley. It will be my prayer that she enjoy the peace, the joy, the life we all long for.

Warmest regards,

In Christ

Bill Brown

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Daniel V. Burns
December 9, 1969

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Our Lady of the Assumption Church
2405-12th Ave. South
Lethbridge, Alberta
Basilian Fathers

Dear Bob,

Thanks for the letter and also for your book on the brethren. It is an excellent job. I haven't read a great lot of it yet, but what I have read I think is very good. I have found no errors yet.

Thanks also for all the little items of interest in your letter. Not so much to tell on this end. Jimmy Whelihan is out in Vancouver for a month taking Nig LeBel's place. Roger deBilly is leaving on Wednesday for a ten day trip down east to celebrate his 25th with his mother in Quebec and also for a party in Toronto.

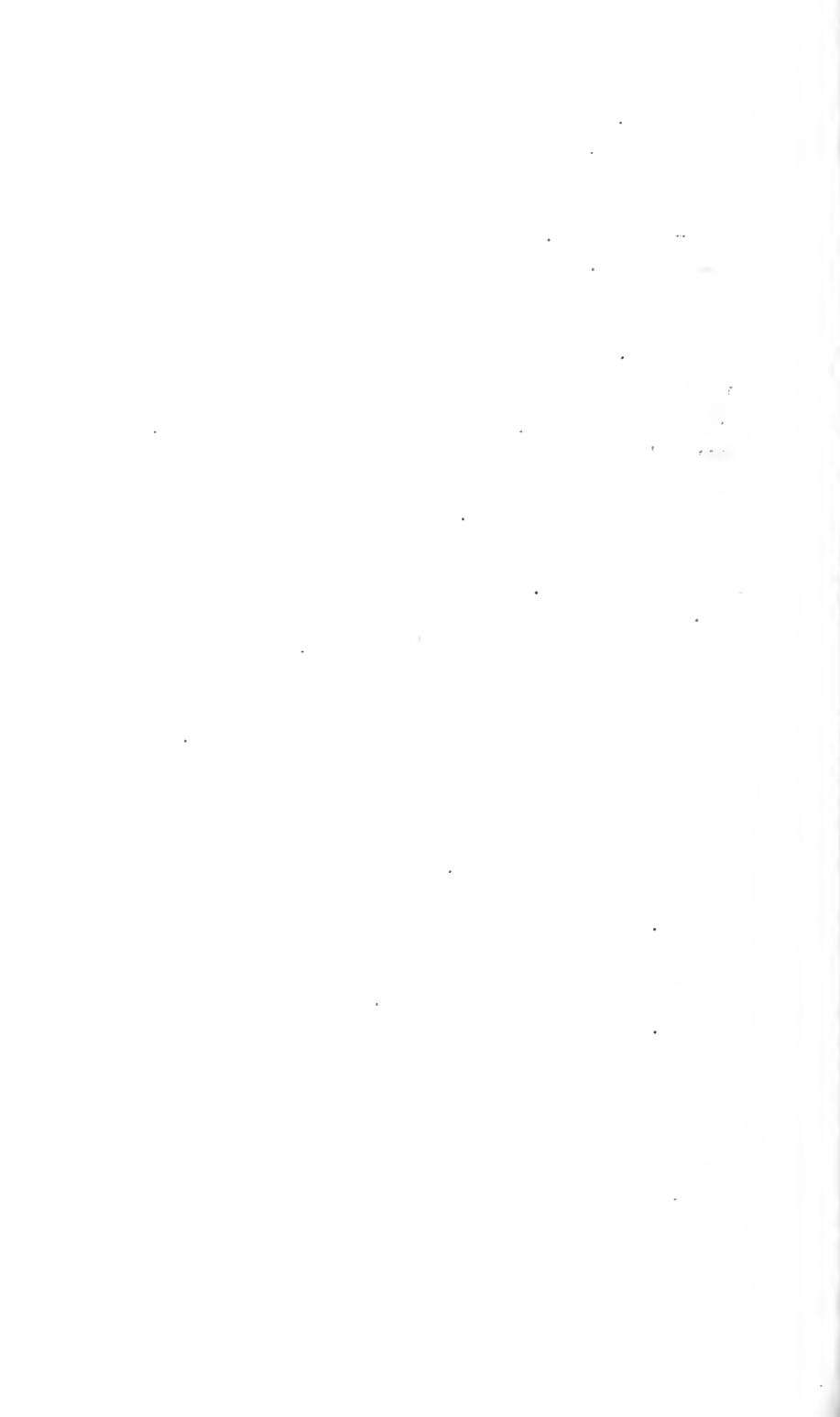
We had Joe Courtney, Jim Daley and Russ Pendergast down here on three different weekends taking part in a six lecture series in adult education (Theology). It was nice to have confreres as our guests in this far end of places.

We have had the most wonderful weather here ever since I came in July. Winter is coming though.

God bless you

Dan B.

(Transcribed from the original, interleaved in a copy of the Dictionary of Basilian Biography)



J. Arnold Megan
August 1970

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Dear Bob:

Mission accomplished. I had but one hour and thirty minutes in Plymouth. In that span I had a full course mea, skipped desett and went by taxi to Beaconfield where I was able to take twenty pictures, inside and outside of what is now St. Boniface College operated by the Irish Christian Brothers. Established contacts too so that you can get further details.

Arnold.

(Transcribed from the postcard deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



Alphonse A. de Valk
April 21, 1970

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St. Thomas More College
University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, Sask.
April 21, 1970

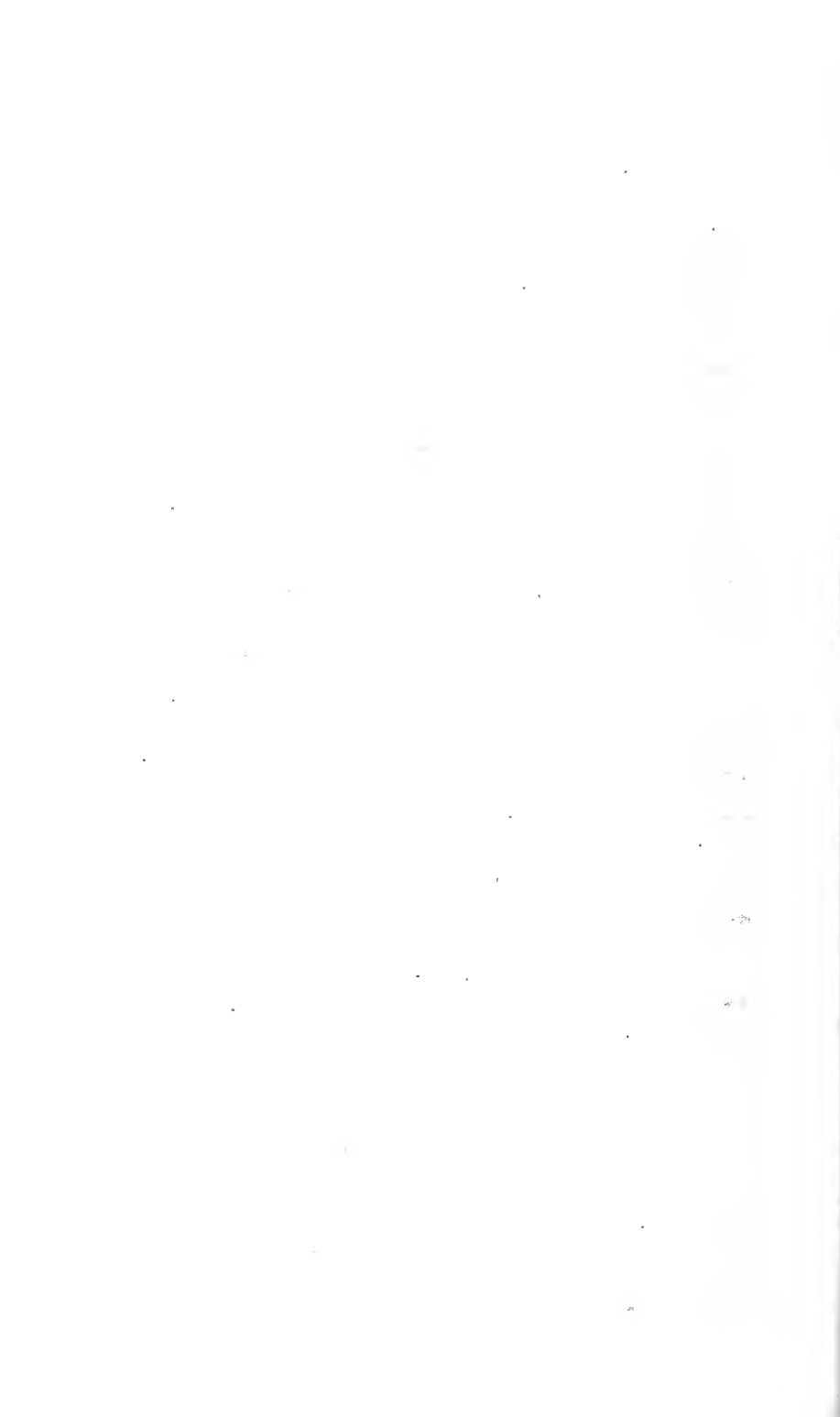
Dear Father Scollard,

Exams are over and now I have a bit more time to answer your letters. First of all many thanks for the two cartons containing volumes 18-38 of the Catholic Historical Review. We always feel so embarrassed receiving your gifts while we, in our turn seem to be able to do so little for you. Also many thanks for the three extra volumes. The one on the Bishop of St. Alberta was especially appreciated.

As for your question on The Structurist, it is indeed the continuation of the periodical entitled Structure of which only one volume, the 1958 edition, had appeared before it changed its name in 1961. Hence you have a complete set.

As for Bob Miller's Catholic Action magazine, we have made no progress whatsoever. So far we have located one single copy which Father Paul Mallon gave me. Of Canada Ecclésiastique we only have three issues ourselves, 1942, 1958 and 1967. We may have some additional copies of the Saskatchewan directories, but we have not yet sorted our pamphlets, directories, etc. This is to be done this summer and I shall keep your request in mind.

I found your Basilian Historical Bulletin very helpful. I used it to check our holdings of the Basilian Teacher and its forerunners in our priest community library and as a result was able to send quite a bit to the bindery for a



Alphonse A. de Valk
April 21, 1970

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more permanent arrangement. I would not have been able to do this without your authoritative booklet indicating when publications were started and when they ceased to appear. We have the very last issue of The Basilian Teacher November 1968, missing. Perhaps you can get a copy for us and that will complete the later years. Also missing: Vol. 7, November and December 1962; April 1963.

Of Benedicamus our volume 1 is incomplete. Missing: April and May 1948. And volume 3: February 1950. We have duplicates in volume 2: No. 6 (June 1949); volume 4: No. 2 (November 1950); volume 5: No. 4 (June 1952); Basilian, February 1954.

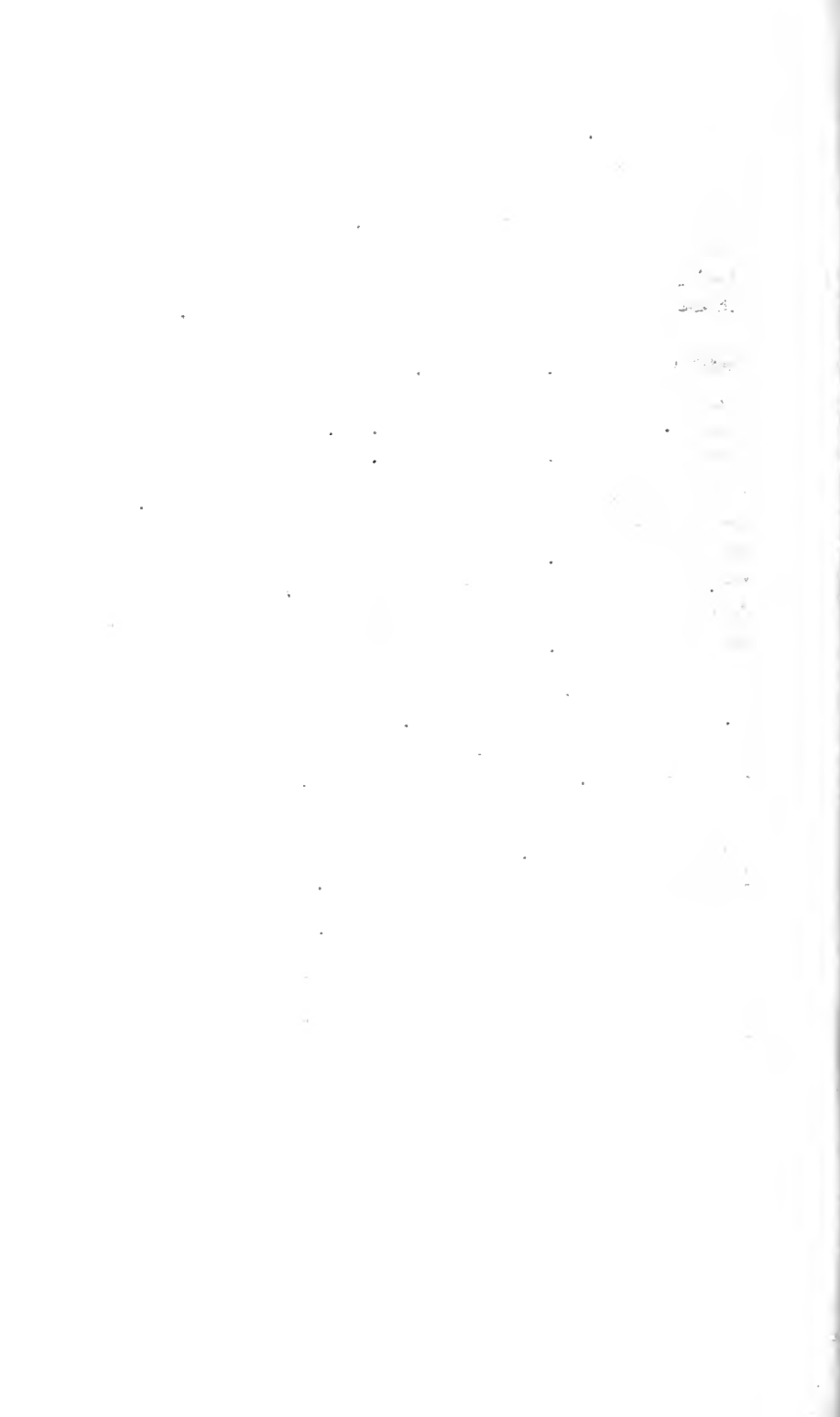
The Basilian. We are complete except for volume 1, the first six issues. (We have December 1935); and January, February, March and April of volume 2. We have the rest.

Father Frank Bunrs is still in the hospital but he is improving. I don't know whether he'll be back to teaching next year.

Best regards to the confreres.

Al de Valk, CSB

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Alphonse A. de Valk
April 22, 1971

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St. Thomas More College
1437 College Drive
Saskatoon, Canada
April 22, 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

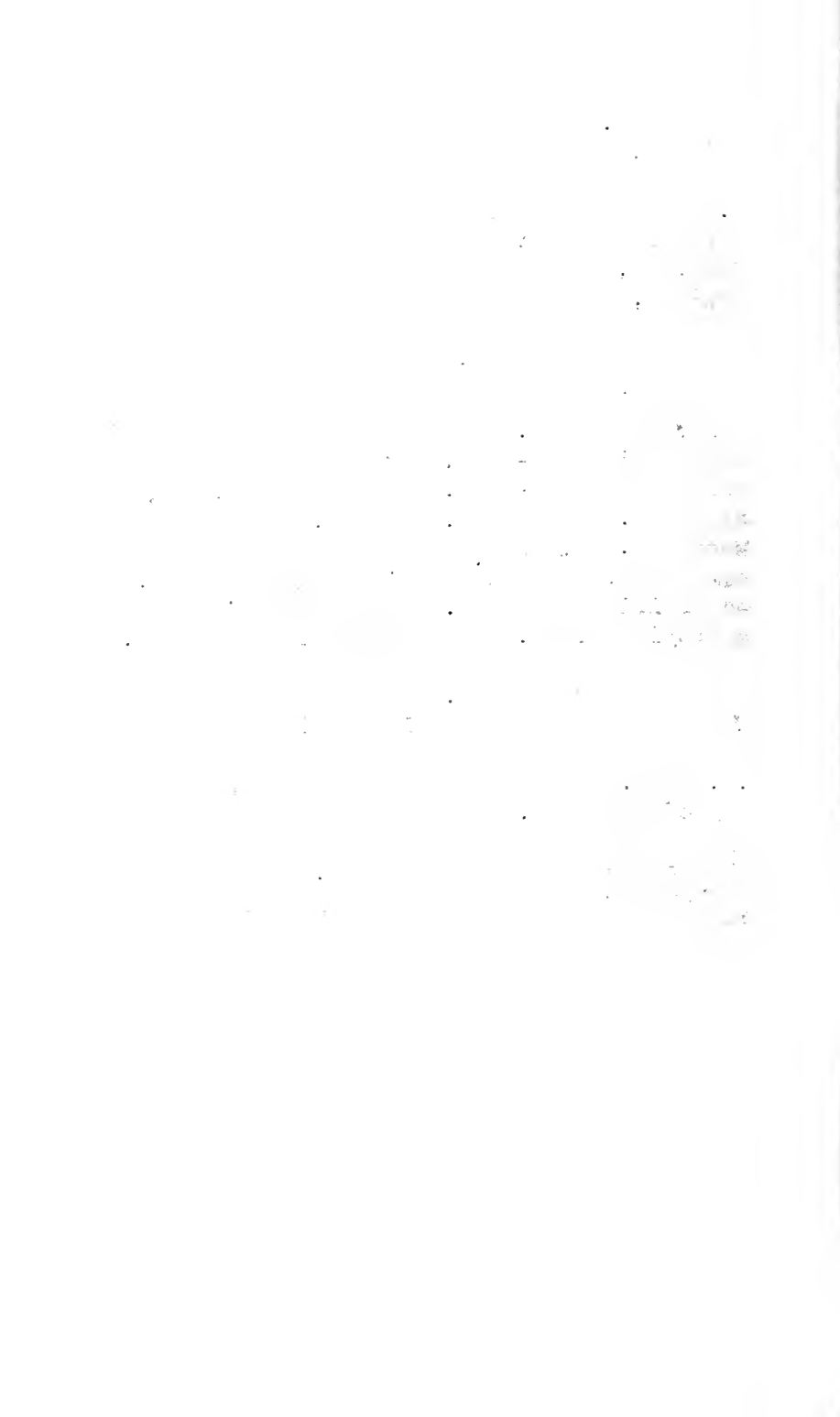
I am sending you by mail a complete set of the Chelsea Bulletin. It was started as a chapel bulletin in 1969-1970, but continued as Chelsea Bulletin in 1970-1971. Year 1 is still very primitive. Volume II, however, was much more succesful. Nearly all its articles have been reprinted in Saskatchewan's Catholic paper, The Prairie Messenger. Father Joe O'Donnell is staying at St. Thomas More at the moment.

Regards,

Al de Valk

P.S. I have sent Professor David Dooley a set of volume 2.

(Transcribed from the original, pasted into the bound volume of these two years)



Alphonse A. de Valk
April 30, 1971

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St. Thomas More College
University of Saskatchewan
1437 College Drive
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
April 30, 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

Enclosed you will find two sermons and a talk by Father Henry Carr. I don't believe you have seen these before. The original copies are kept at the archives here at St. Thomas More. You will probably agree with me that the sermon at Father M.V. Kelly's funeral is especially interesting. The talk on meditation appears incomplete but it is all I have. The originals on Father Kelly and meditation are handwritten (I have made some corrections where the typist made mistakes); the one on Father James Whelan is typewritten.

Next Monday Fathers Oscar Regan Ian Boyd and Bill O'Brien fly away from here: the first one to California to help in the parish of his friend; the next one to the Yukon to visit his brother; and the last one to Europe.

Regards

In Christ

Al de Valk

(Bound in the volume containing these sermons.
Transcribed from the original)

George W. Kosicki
October 6, 1965

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Assumption University
Windsor, Ontario
Oct 6/65

Dear Father Scollard,

Gerry asked me to write about the work of Yosef Drenters at the House of Studies. In the refectory Yosef Drenters painted a mural along the full length of the wall opposite the windows facing the river. It was inspired by the singing of the 'Benedicite' and depicts the flowing of all creation from God in three streams - the winds, the earth and mountains, and the sea. It expresses the theme of Psalm 103: "You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak. You have spread ou the heavens like a tent-cloth; you have constituted your palace upon the waters ... When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth."

The octagonal chapel with its strong interior brick and tile floor now has the main altar, altar of repose and the crucifix in place. It forms an imposing space. The table altars are sculptured from the ancient oak beams and planks of the old south wing at Assumption, decorated with heavy brass and copper hammered pieces which make the pieces powerful and spiritual. The crucifix is a metal and wood sculpture strikingly portraying the risen-crucified Christ, dressed in priestly robes but elevated in victory over the cross beam. All the work has been done here at LaPointe. Still to come are the four symbols of the evangelists on the four front walls of the octagonal. The arrangements are such as to emphasize the altar of sacrifice, the altar



George W. Kosicki
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of repose, the crucifix and the word of God at proper times and in appropriate beauty depending on the functions.

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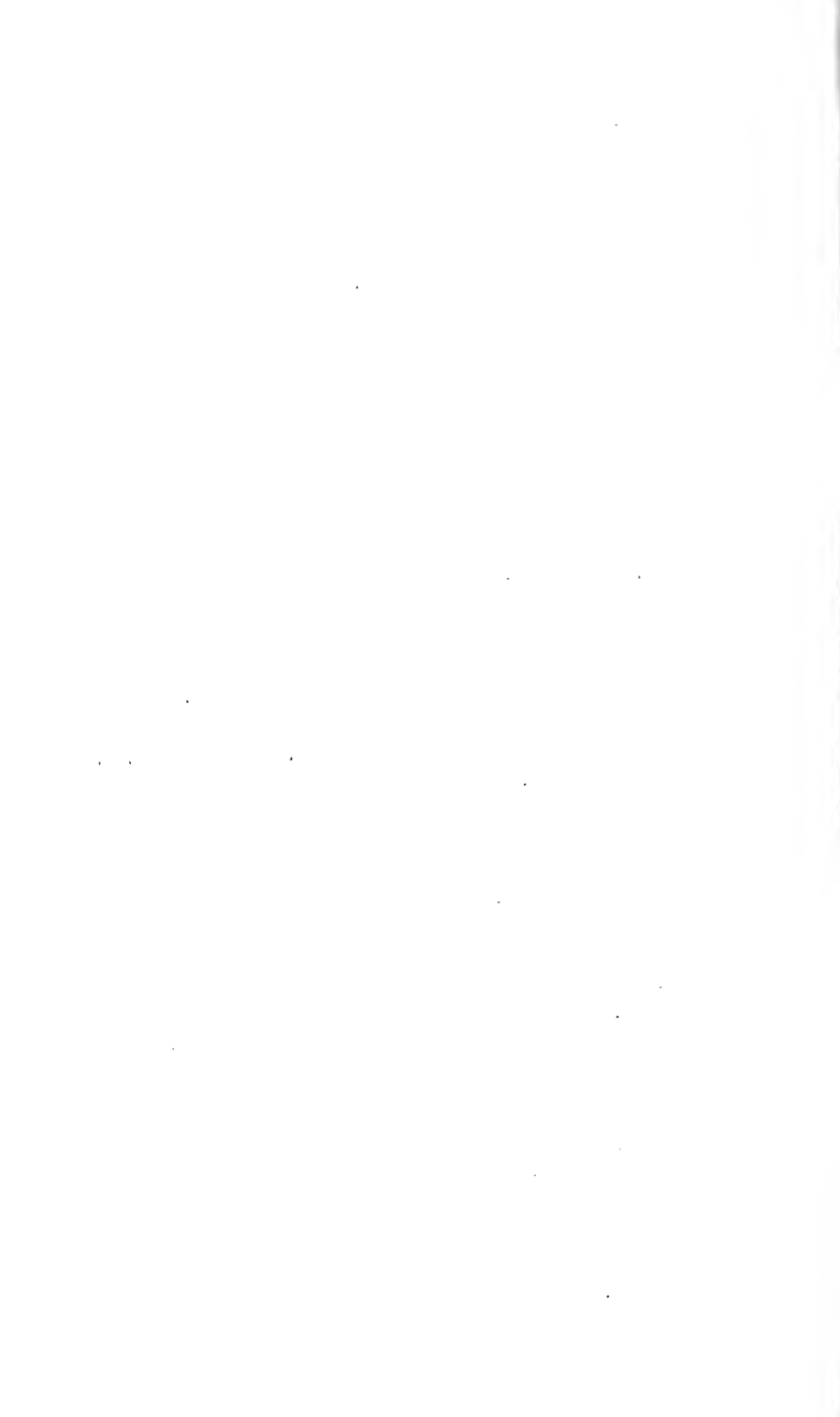
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Enclosure

On the choice of the name "La Pointe" to designate the Basilian House of Studies of Windsor, Ontario.

La Pointe is the name given the Basilian Fathers' House of Studies located in Windsor, Ontario, overlooking the Detroit River. The site is at the bend of the Detroit River once known as La Pointe de Montréal. Father E.J. Lajeunesse, C.S.B., in "The Windsor Border Region" suggests, "that the name was given by the French settlers in the fort at Detroit because the boats from Montreal could be first seen at that spot." The Huron mission church at this point took on the name of "The Church of Assumption at La Pointe de Montréal de Détroit" and was used as such in official documents.

The use of the name La Pointe is a memorial to the missionary and educational work that has been carried on in this very sited over the centuries. The scholasticate is under the official patronage of Our Lady of the Assumption, a title that comes from the fuller name of the church at the point and from the historical development of the scholasticate at Assumption University.



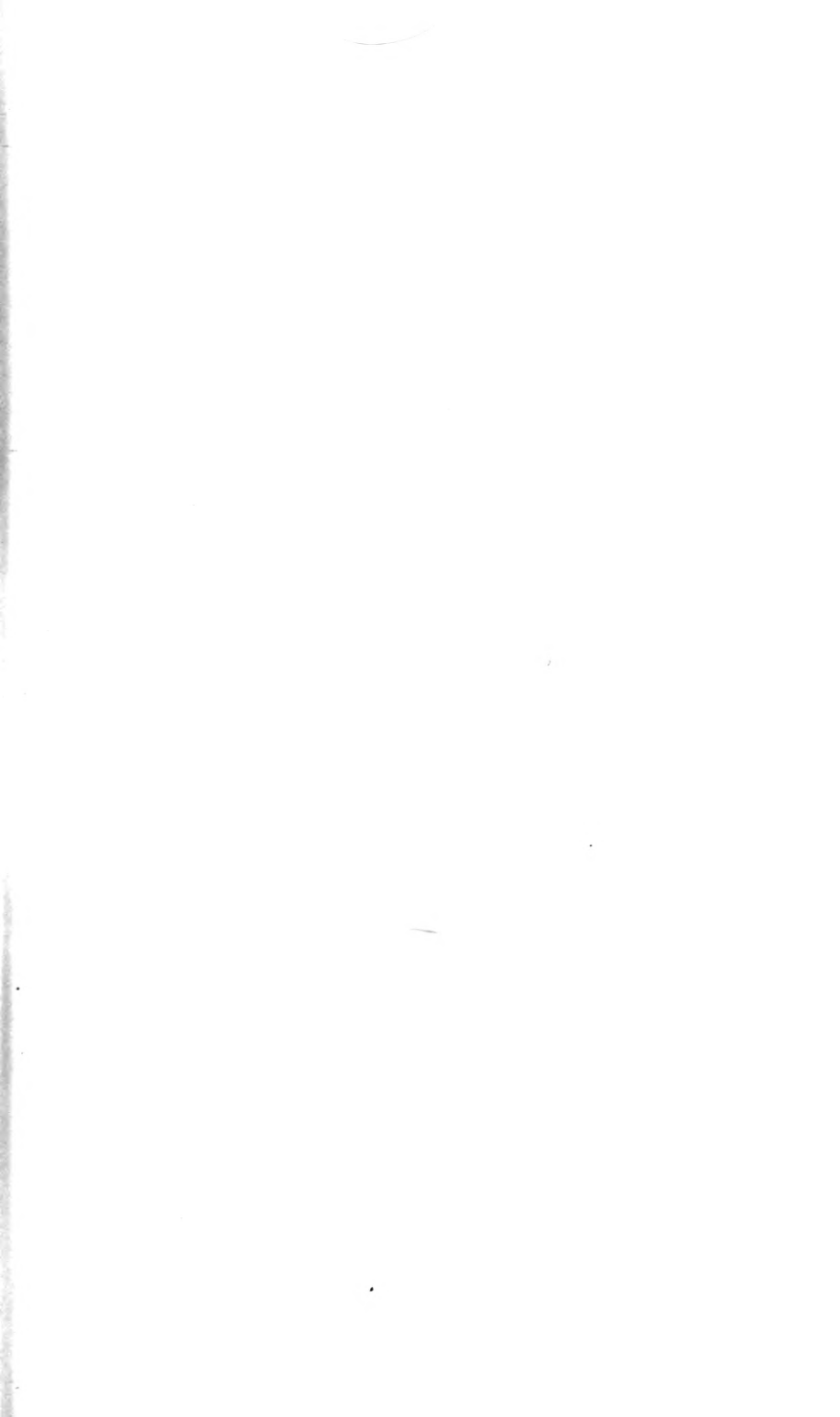
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The phrase "Basilian House of Studies" is used to emphasize its connection with the University as a house of studies where religious candidates for the priesthood reside during their years of formation in the religious and academic life.

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